

## Final BULLETINS

### Nazis Withdraw In Luxembourg

LONDON (CP)—The German radio announced tonight that Nazi forces in some sectors of Luxembourg had been withdrawn to outposts of the Westwall.

In central and eastern Luxembourg, fighting is in progress, and at some places in the frontier area the Germans have withdrawn their forces to pillboxes at approaches to the "Westwall," the broadcast said, "but American attempt to push on failed."

(Westwall is a German designation for the defenses also commonly called the Siegfried Line.)

### Nazis' Funnel Cut to 20 Miles

LONDON (CP)—The Allied-controlled Luxembourg radio said tonight that "Von Rundstedt's supply funnel through Belgium has been narrowed to less than 20 miles in width tonight. It is threatened by an American wedge drive deep into it."

### Athens Conference Approves Regency

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—The Athens conference this evening unanimously decided in favor of a regency for Greece, according to reliable reports reaching here. There was a difference of opinion as to when the regency should be set up. With the majority of the delegates in favor of its immediate establishment, these reports said.

### Nazi Defenders Of Budapest Split

LONDON (CP)—German and Hungarian forces encircled in and around Budapest were split in two today by Russian troops that hurled eastern branch of the Danube nine miles north of Budapest, captured Szentes Island, and made contact with other Russian forces on the west bank.

### Swear in New Mayor Tuesday Morning

Mayor-elect P. E. George and those who won aldermanic, school board and police commission seats in December's civic elections, will be sworn in Jan. 2 at 11, in the City Council Chamber by Mr. Justice A. D. Macfarlane, it was learned at the City Hall today.

Following the ceremony, the official photograph of the council will be taken and the inaugural meeting for 1945 will start at 3. Feature of the meeting will be the mayor's inaugural address and appointment of standing committees for the year.

### Belgium Freed From Anxiety

LONDON (CP)—Premier Hubert Pierlot told the Belgian Parliament today that "I have it on the highest Allied authority that the situation at the front is well in hand," the Brussels radio reported tonight.

"The enemy's advance is being held and Allied counterattacks are proceeding successfully from both the south and west," the Premier said. "I have all authority to tell you there is no reason for anxiety."

### B.C. Boeing Men Hired By Seattle

VANCOUVER (CP)—Officials of Boeing Aircraft Company today said 24 highly-skilled pre-flight men have been chosen from among more than 150 applicants here for work in Boeing factories in Seattle and Renton, Wash., as soon as Selective Service and U.S. immigration sanction is obtained. Only aircraft workers, specially trained in handling intricate pre-flight tests on finished planes will be sent.

"Skilled pre-flight workers are badly needed in Boeing's U.S. plants which will gladly employ 100 or more from Vancouver," a Boeing official said.

### Relief Columns Reach Bastogne

LONDON (CP)—The Brussels radio said tonight that relief columns had reached the U.S. garrison at Bastogne, which had been cut off for more than a week.

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## Weather Forecast

Victoria and Vicinity—Thursday: Cloudy and mild with rain showers; moderate to fresh winds. Tuesday's Temperatures—Min. 36; Max. 44. Temperature Noon Wednesday, 47. Victoria has over 500 hours more sunshine a year than other coast cities, less than half the rainfall.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

# Nazis Suffer Serious Setback

## Greek Peace Talk Fails As E.L.A.S. Plan Turned Down

ATHENS (AP)—Greek Populist Party members declared today that peace proposals by representatives of the left-wing E.L.A.S. were unacceptable and the conference called by Prime Minister Churchill ended its second meeting without an agreement.

The E.L.A.S. offered terms which former Premier Stylianos Gonatas said "are inadmissible." He declared that "if acceptable, they would mean complete dissolution of the state."

Other members of the conference said they would consider the terms and reply later.

Even while the conference met in the Grand Bretagne Hotel the British accused E.L.A.S. artillery men of breaking a conference truce late Tuesday and the fresh fighting flared in the district behind British headquarters. Parachute troops forged ahead with tanks and armored cars in a drive to clear the southern triangle leading into Omonia Square.

### TRUCE BROKEN

British spokesmen had announced earlier that E.L.A.S. artillery had broken a conference truce by firing on a British warship and the Anglo-Greek Naval headquarters late Tuesday and that, as a result, offensive air action would begin again.

British authorities informed the E.L.A.S. that the truce was regarded as null and void.

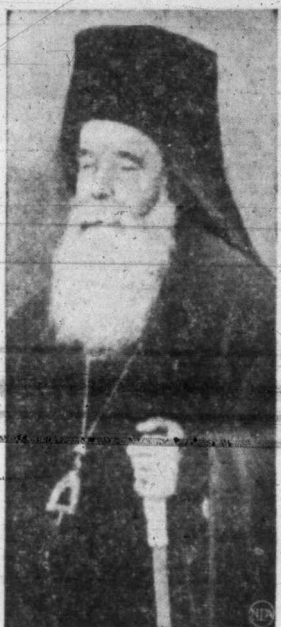
It had been agreed that no artillery action would be taken on one side or air action on the other for three-quarters of an hour from 3 p.m., while E.L.A.S. delegates were being brought to Tuesday night's conference at which Prime Minister Churchill appealed for the warring factions to end their strife.

The conference was so tense that all military delegates surrendered their side arms at the door.

The British announced that the first shell fell at 3.10 a.m. near a British warship at Piraeus. The second landed a little later near the naval headquarters.

Nevertheless, the British said another 45-minute truce would be arranged today for the protection of E.L.A.S. delegates attending a second session of an all-party conference to discuss Greece's political troubles.

British guards returned the E.L.A.S. delegates guns to them when they left Tuesday night's conference under a safe conduct. Before the conference of Greek



ARCHBISHOP DAMASKINOS Chairman of Athens Conference

political and military leaders was resumed shortly before mid-day today. Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens met Foreign Secretary Eden of Britain.

It was recalled that as Prime Minister Churchill was about to leave Tuesday's conference, he said: "We shall not trouble you again unless you send for us."

## \$800,000 Taxes On Mulock Estate

TORONTO (CP)—Officials of the Ontario treasury said today that federal and provincial succession duties on the \$2,500,000 estate of Sir William Mulock probably will total about \$800,000. The Ontario government levies duties of 15 per cent and up, varying with the amount of the bequest and the relationship the beneficiary bears to the testator, or roughly \$400,000. The federal rates are similar.

They said the bequest of \$50,000 to Prime Minister King would be subject to a 35 per cent tax by the Ontario government and similar federal government tax—a total of about \$35,000. They said it is possible the taxes will be borne by the estate and the bequest paid in full.



AN LVT IN GERMANY—Residents of recently-occupied Saarlautern, Germany, get a good look at one of the Allies' most versatile war machines—an LVT (landing vehicle track) as it rumbles up the street carrying men of the U.S. 3rd Army. LVTs are duplicating their Pacific success in Europe.

## Russian Shock Troops Assault Budapest Direct

By DANIEL DE LUCE MOSCOW (AP)—Red Army shock troops charged on flame-seared Budapest from snowy hills above the Danube River today. The German garrison burned military stores, dynamited public utilities, and fought back grimly with field artillery scattered throughout the Hungarian capital.

Half a dozen Soviet spearheads were reported closing in on the western half of the encircled city, and all German roads of escape were cut off. Just how many troops comprise the defending garrison is not known here, but the Russian command said their numbers were large.

### TANKS DRIVE IN

Soviet assault units of tanks, plus Tommy-gunners, were believed to have slashed some distance into the Buda district on the west bank of the Danube.

Field dispatches said other Russian successes, achieved simultaneously with Tuesday's full encirclement of the Hungarian capital, had brought the German command in the east to a moment of supreme crisis.

Marshal Tolbukhin's 3rd Ukrainian Army and Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian Army, it was pointed out, are tactically linked up northwest of Budapest for a joint drive up both sides of the Danube to Bratislava, Slovakian capital, and Vienna.

### Railway, Road Cut By Russians

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—The German D.N.B. agency reported today that superior Soviet forces had succeeded in crossing the railway line and road northwest of Budapest at Pilshvorosav, and had approached the city limits from the west.

"The Russian thrust on the town from the east has been held by German and Hungarian troops," D.N.B. claimed.

## Tram Pay Decision Expected This Week

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Daily Province published a special dispatch from Ottawa this afternoon saying Mr. Justice M. B. Archibald, chairman of the National War Labor Board, had announced he expected a decision late this week in connection with an appeal by the Street Railwaymen's Association.

Charles Stewart, chairman of the advisory board of the union, had announced in Vancouver today the men had voted "by a large majority" to go on strike Jan. 6 if the War Labor Board does not issue a decision by Jan. 4 on the workers' appeal against a wage ruling of the Regional War Labor Board.

Mr. Stewart said the figures of the vote will be given to the members at the next meeting Monday before releasing them to the press.

He added the union has had no word from the Labor Board regarding the appeal and that the ruling "is long overdue."

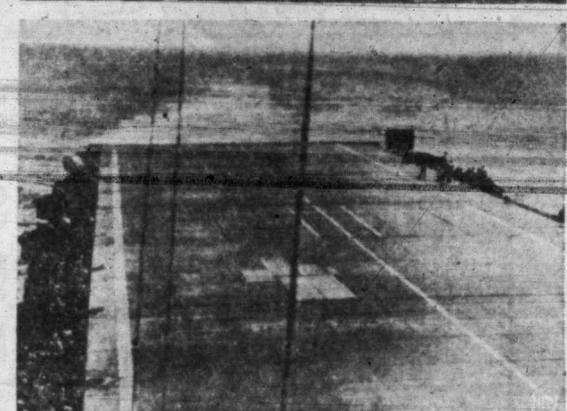
A strike would involve some 2,600 street car and bus operators in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster.

## Opium in Oakalla

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)—A coroner's jury investigating the death of Sidney Ellis, 44, inmate of Oakalla prison farm, found Tuesday that Ellis died from lead poisoning contained in opium. Ellis, serving a 20-month term for possession of narcotics and burglar tools, died Saturday.

Evidence given at the inquest revealed the opium had been liquified and strained into a handkerchief which had at one time contained lead. Traces of lead particles were found in the handkerchief. Ellis allegedly strained the liquid opium from the handkerchief and, was poisoned when he drank the mixture. Means used to smuggle the opium into the prison farm were not revealed.

## Flattops Fixed While You Wait



Upper photograph was taken a few seconds after a Jap bomb had smashed through the deck of an escort carrier of the U.S. fleet in Philippine waters. Smoke pours from the hole and men rush from their battle stations to fight the fire. Lower picture was taken 90 minutes later. The fire is extinguished, the hole neatly repaired and the deck is ready for flight.

## D. Lloyd George, 81, Decides to Quit



LONDON (CP-Reuters)—David Lloyd George, Prime Minister during the First Great War, has decided not to stand for re-election to Parliament, acting on medical advice.

Mr. Lloyd George has been in Parliament for 54 years and is "Father of the House." He is nearly 82.

The announcement was made today by E. P. Evans, chairman of Caernarvon Boroughs Liberal Association, at a special meeting of the executive of the association.

The Welsh statesman who led Britain to victory during the First Great War is to retire from Parliament after 50 years continuous service as Member of Parliament for Caernarvon Boroughs.

In 1890 he obtained an unexpected parliamentary victory by 48 votes at a Caernarvon Boroughs by-election. Since then he never lost an election.

## Allied Intelligence Blamed for Success Of Nazi Offensive

By WES GALLAGHER

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BELGIUM (Delayed-A.P.)—An error in the Allied intelligence service must share a large part of the blame for Field Marshal von Rundstedt's breakthrough on the Western Front.

It is now apparent that the high command intelligence not only failed to detect the build-up by Von Rundstedt on the weak spot of the front, but also—not for the first time in this war—underestimated German military strength and ability.

Up to the day of the breakthrough the official opinion as given out to correspondents was that:

1. The Ardennes Forest was not an advantageous spot in which to launch a winter offensive and it was being used as a sort of "rest sector" by both the Germans and U.S. forces.
2. That Von Rundstedt had practically no strategic reserve troops to use in a big offensive.
3. That the morale of the German soldiers was extremely low.
4. That the main German high command aim was to fight a defensive action before the Ruhr Valley.
5. That the German air force virtually was non-existent.
6. That the Germans' shortage of gasoline and war materials precluded any large-scale effort.

Yet Von Rundstedt has been able to throw elements of many divisions into this battle while holding the rest of the Western Front and is still known to have a powerful punch left.

Although Von Rundstedt's breakthrough achieved tactical surprise and made rapid progress, it was in territory where the Allies best could afford to lose ground.

There are no major cities in central Belgium, and with Antwerp open, no great threat is offered to the Allied sources of supplies, so long as the southern and northern flanks hold Von Rundstedt's drive into the area directly west and barren of military objectives of major importance.

At the same time, the German army has stuck out its neck where Gen. Eisenhower's forces can put a major military axe to it.

## Allies Cut Wedge Into Big Salient Of Enemy Advance

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS (AP)—United States troops and tanks have driven a deep salient into German lines within the last 24 hours and dealt the German offensive its first serious setback, a front dispatch said today.

The location of this wedge and details could not be given in the dispatch, sent at 2 p.m. (6 a.m., P.D.T.) from the Stavelot area of Belgium.

It followed the Supreme Allied Headquarters' announcement that U.S. forces on Christmas Day had folded back German armored columns which thrust within four miles of the Meuse River in their deepest penetration into Belgium.

All along the northern rim of the German drive, said the dispatch from the Stavelot sector, "there are indications the Germans are on the defense for the moment with infantry replacing tanks."

A single U.S. Army vehicle broke through the German ring around Bastogne near the middle of the German bulge, and reached the American garrison holding there against furious enemy attacks, a dispatch from U.S. 1st Army headquarters said.

## 2,000 Nazi Spies Wear U.S. Uniforms

Allied officers in the field estimated that more than 2,000 German spies in U.S. uniforms were being used in the German drive, either infiltrating or being dropped behind U.S. lines.

A German-manned U.S. Sherman tank and two tank destroyers slipped into a U.S. column on one road late Tuesday, shooting it up and escaping. Damage was heavy for the size of the operation.

Incomplete reports from two sections of the breakthrough area listed destruction of more than 250 German tanks and self-propelled guns and capture of more than 2,300 prisoners since the offensive started.

By Tuesday morning, Celles was firmly back in U.S. hands.

The Americans holding back these thrusts found at least a dozen tanks and self-propelled guns dry of gasoline—perhaps an indication of the air blows on Von Rundstedt's supply lines.

## Main Nazi Weight Shifts to North

Fighting continued in this sector near the Meuse, Supreme Headquarters said, but there were indications the main German weight was being shifted to the northwest—toward the Allied Antwerp supply line.

More than 20 German divisions, including 10 armored or armored-infantry units, were reported to have been thrown into the winter counter-offensive.

Hal Boyle, Associated Press war correspondent, said the Germans in no battle had been able to summon the initial force with which they lashed out Dec. 16. "Buttered thinly over a wide area, Von Rundstedt's panzers and Volksgrenadiers are facing critical gas and food shortages as well as the problem of solidifying and also of constricting the American battlefield," he said.

Allied headquarters said Field Marshal von Rundstedt's units had been held virtually without gains during the 24 hours up to Tuesday morning.

But the German southern flank at the same time stiffened against the U.S. push to relieve the encircled garrison at Bastogne. The relief force at last official reports still was 4½ miles south of the city.

Hundreds of tons of supplies were parachuted today to the Bastogne garrison.

(A BBC broadcast from London, heard in New York, today said U.S. columns are now only 1½ miles from Bastogne, where a beleaguered U.S. garrison is holding out against heavy enemy pressure.)

(The broadcast, recorded by CBS, said "numerous German tanks have been destroyed" in German attempts to enter the town.)

Last week the U.S. garrison, originally numbering several

thousand troops, rejected a German ultimatum to surrender.)

Another front dispatch today said the front was comparatively, and almost ominously, quiet today with each side thrusting tentatively and ineffectually at opposing defenses.

Von Rundstedt's advance tank units had speared into Celles, only four miles from the Meuse and eight from the French frontier, and into Ciney, farther northeast, 12 miles south of Namur.

At Celles, his men were only 50 miles from Brussels, and had penetrated 57 miles from the take-off positions.

By Tuesday morning, both Celles and Ciney were back in the hands of U.S. troops.

Later developments after this check two days ago to the enemy thrust 50 miles into Belgium were not disclosed.

The Supreme Headquarters communicate said simply that "a few enemy tanks and troop-carriers pushed forward in the direction of Celles," four miles from Dinant on the Meuse, but that "these were engaged by our forces and were driven back, some tanks being knocked out."

Von Rundstedt was pushing hard to the northwest—toward the Antwerp supply route—from his reinforced line along the Hottot-Marche road, but "our positions have been maintained," said the Allied communique covering actions two days old.

## Grinding Battle Of Heavy Losses

It still was a grinding battle of huge cost in which Von Rundstedt's next moves yet were to shape up. The defense had slowed up but not yet stopped the German armor.

Along the northern rim of their bulge, Germans captured Manhay, 10 miles southwest of Stavelot.

Von Rundstedt kept bloody Bastogne near the middle of the bulge under incessant day and night attack, hurling in tanks which the defenders knocked out as fast as they came up.

For the fifth straight day the Allied aerial whiplash fell across the German offensive path. Heavy bombers from Britain and the armor-busting Tactical Air forces, British and U.S., based on the continent, participated.

In three days the two Tactical Forces reported they had destroyed 2,228 enemy transport vehicles and damaged 1,054, destroyed 439 Nazi planes, probably bagged 55 more, and damaged 121. All this was exclusive of the toll taken by heavy bombers.

## C.W.A.C. Wounded; Believed First

HALIFAX (CP)—Pte Jean Ashe, 24-year-old member of the Canadian Women's Army Corps, has been wounded in Belgium. The message—received today by her parents here—gave go details beyond stating she had suffered leg injuries. She was thought to be the first C.W.A.C. wounded in a theatre of war.

Pte Ashe was in the first draft of C.W.A.C.'s to go overseas.

## Tokyo Hit Again

SAIPAN (AP)—Tokyo, bombed in force four times previously by Superfortresses and many times hit by harassing planes alone or in small groups, was pounded again this afternoon (Wednesday Japan time) by a sizeable force of B-29s.

The first of the raiders struck during the noon rush and reported good visibility for their targets in the great industrial area. The early elements reported "zero clouds" and good bombing.

## Correspondent Killed

A TOWN IN BELGIUM (AP)—Jack Frankish, 30-year-old United Press war correspondent, and three Belgian soldiers were killed by enemy air action last Saturday.



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## Strategists Say V-Day In Europe Set Back By Enemy's Offensive

By JOHN M. HIGHTWER  
WASHINGTON (AP). — Military strategists now are tentatively adding three to six months to their estimate of a date for victory in Europe.

There is still hope in high places that the Allied armies will be able to turn the United States reverse on the Western Front into an early and decisive victory. But at the moment it is a gray and waning hope, although the battle is still fluid.

Along with this sober estimate of the fighting has come a conviction that at least part of the German success was due to over-optimism throughout the Allied high command.

First Allied generals thought the European war would be won last fall; later they set the date at the year's end, then moved it forward to spring. Now they talk of next fall or winter. If it actually takes until late

next year to beat the Germans, the date for victory over Japan will have to be moved forward also. But in Asia and the Pacific, as well as in Europe, much of what will happen depends on Russian plans, as yet unrevealed.

There is for instance the question of whether and when the Red Army will open a full-scale offensive against Germany on the Polish front. The ground is frozen and the time is ripe since the Germans are heavily engaged in the west.

Successful Russian assault and breakthrough to Berlin might shorten the war somewhat, but in view of what has happened in the west there now is no reason to believe those results would be either certainly or quickly achieved.

Military men say the Germans may be expected to resist and strike back in the east with the same ferocity they have shown against the western Allies.

## Allied Heavies Set Back By Enemy's Offensive

LONDON (CP). — R.A.F., Canadian and Allied heavy bombers flew from British bases to pound again today at German positions in the sector of the enemy offensive into Belgium. Allied planes based in Belgium, Holland and France joined the attacks, aided by favorable weather.

R.C.A.F. bomber group Hal-faxes gave close support to Allied troops now facing the German thrust towards the Meuse River. The targets were many concentrations in St. Vith near the Belgian-German border and several Canadian crews claimed the target, which comprised most of the village, was wiped out.

Weather was clear over the target and no enemy fighters were encountered. The German radio reported formations of heavy bombers heading north over Austria, indicating the Allies were striking from behind the battle lines.

## Land-Based Planes Blast Clark Field

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS (AP). — Land-based U.S. bombers for the fourth consecutive day blasted Japan's airfields at Manila on Luzon Island, now regarded as vulnerable to re-invasion by U.S. forces mopping up in the central Philippines.

Clark Field was the principal target as it was in two of the previous attacks. It was plastered Monday with 88,000 pounds of explosives, Gen. MacArthur reported today.

The Japanese showed disposition to make a flight of it and sent up at least 50 interceptors, of which 39 were shot down by U.S. fighter escorts.

On conquered Leyte, U.S. ground forces mopped up small and isolated Japanese remnants which the communique said were "capable of only minor opposition." Enemy casualties for the Leyte campaign were raised to 114,120.

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- Hashed Brown Potatoes
- Toast or Soft Rolls
- Jam or Marmalade
- Lots of Coffee!

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#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

presents an ideal opportunity for holding an open house, when folks may drop in for a friendly visit. It's nice to have a few little tidbits for their refreshment—such as plenty of:

- Sliced Fruit Cake
- Nuts—Candy
- Coffee or Punch

If your New Year's Day plan calls for a family dinner rather than an open house, let it be built around a hearty meat or poultry item.

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CREAM OF WHEAT	28-oz. pkg.	22c
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TEA	CANTERBURY, Orange pekoe and pekoe, 1/2-lb. pkg.	33c
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### Night Fighters Of R.C.A.F. Spend Active Christmas

WITH R.C.A.F. NIGHT FIGHTERS IN FRANCE (CP). — Six enemy planes were added to the bag of Canadian night fighters operating over the Western Front when the R.C.A.F. Cougar Squadron destroyed five and the R.C.A.F. Nighthawk Squadron downed one during last week-end.

These operations raised the Cougar total to 46 enemy aircraft destroyed since the invasion of France, leading all British and Dominion night fighter units. The Nighthawks have destroyed 42.

FO. Don MacKenzie of London, Ont., and his navigator, PO. George Boldard of Edmonton, in a Cougar Squadron Mosquito shot down two Ju88s over the western Ruhr Saturday night. They were MacKenzie's third and fourth victories and brought Boldard's total to six assists.

A third victim Saturday was destroyed by the Nighthawks' Flt. Lt. W. H. MacPhail of Cromarty, Ont., and his observer, FO. J. E. Donaghy of St. Vital, Man.—another Junkers. It was MacPhail's first kill, and Donaghy's second.

Sunday night the Cougars added two Ju87 dive-bombers which the Germans were using against front line troops. One was shot down by Flt. Lt. C. E. Edinger of Ferndale, Mich., and his navigator, FO. C. Vaessen of Landis, Sask., who now have become the top-scoring R.C.A.F. night-fighter crew, as it was their sixth kill.

The other was destroyed by Sqdn. Ldr. E. McTavish of Seaforth, Ont., and his navigator, FO. A. M. Grant of Burnaby, B.C.—their second kill.

The third Cougar Christmas Eve score was a Ju88 shot down by FO. J. A. Watt of Vancouver, and his British navigator, Flt. Lt. E. H. Collis.

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## Churchill Tells Athens British There At Invitation of Greeks

ATHENS (CP-Reuters)—Partial text of Prime Minister Churchill's speech to Greek political leaders in Athens Tuesday night follows: Gentlemen, we hold many im- portant matters in our hands.

Today Greece may become a united nation marching with the other United Nations of the world towards victory.

Tomorrow if all our efforts fail we shall have to bend to our hard task and we British shall be given a large part of the duty of rescuing the city of Athens from the anarchy and miserable conditions now prevailing and of securing a sufficient area of safety around it to enable the people of Athens to go through their daily life and work, to receive the supplies which are going in and to feel that they have safety and that they have freedom.

It is not because the task which is confronting His Majesty's government in Great Britain is beyond our strength or because we shrink from discharging that task, that we have asked this company, all of whose interests are centred in Greece—it is not because I shrink from this task that we have asked them to assemble here today.

### SEEK WAY OUT

We hope, however, most earnestly, comrades in common struggle against Nazi tyrants, that we may find some way out of all our difficulties. I hope the representatives of E.L.A.S. will not feel we misunderstand their own point of view and difficulties. We are all in difficulties. There must be responsibility for the future and there must be com- prehension between man and man.

Why is it we British came here? We came with the knowl- edge and approval of President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin.

We also thought that at Ca- serta we had the invitation of all the Greeks, including the com- mander of the E.L.A.S. army.

Why is it we cannot leave? Since we have been here the most violent and unexpected troubles have arisen, and we have become involved in them through doing what we believed was our duty. That duty we shall discharge in- flexibly and faithfully to the end.

Whether Greece is a monarchy or a republic is a matter for Greeks and Greeks alone to de- cide. All we wish you is good, and good for all.

What will enable us to leave Greece?—Naturally now that all these tragic things have hap- pened, we are bound in honor to bring this matter to a good con- clusion.

We must, of course, ask for the acceptance and fulfilment of

Gen. Scobie's terms. We hope there may be established a broad- based Greek government repre- sentative of the Greek nation and possessed of sufficient armed power in a Greek national army and with Greek police to preserve itself in Athens until a fair free general election can be held all over the country, or at any rate over the greater part of the country.

### FACTOR IN VICTORY

When we came here yesterday we thought it would be a good thing to have a talk around the table. It is better to let every effort be made to make Greece a factor in victory and to do it now.

Therefore we had a talk with M. Papandreou, the Prime Min- ister who, at Lebanon, I was led to believe was supported by all parties in Greece, and we pro- posed to him there should be a conference like this.

I and Mr. Eden have come all this way although great battles are raging in Belgium and on the German frontier to make this effort to rescue Greece from a miserable fate and raise her to a point of great fame and repute.

Papandreou said immediately he would welcome such a confer- ence and we have all met here now in this city where the sound of firing can be heard from minute to minute at no great distance.

The next British step was to invite the Archbishop, to be chair- man of this Greek conference. We do not intend to obstruct your deliberations. We British and other representatives of the great united victorious powers will leave you Greeks to your own discussions under this most eminent and venerable citizen and we shall not trouble you unless you send for us again.

We may wait a little while, but we have many other tasks to per- form in this world of terrible storm.

My hope is, however, that the conference which begins here this afternoon in Athens will re- store Greece once again to her fame and power among the Allied and peace-loving peoples of the world, will secure the Greek front from any danger from the north and will enable every Greek to make the best of him- self and the best of his country before the eyes of the whole world. For all eyes are turned upon this table at this moment and we British trust that what- ever misunderstandings there have been, we shall preserve those old friendships between Greece and Great Britain which played so notable part in this establishment of Greek independ- ence.

## Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst

We can't know the extent of the damage which the German offensive has done the Allies until Gen. Eisenhower launches his major counterattack and puts Field Marshal von Rundstedt's flashing steel to the full test.

That great and perhaps deci- sive battle isn't likely to be long deferred, though one proceeds cautiously with estimates these days when news from the front often is delayed 48 hours by censorship. As things now look we may expect to see shortly a titanic engagement which will flame throughout much of the some 250 square miles which the Germans have overrun.

The prospects remain broadly

what they were the day Von Rundstedt flung his attack through a pea-soup fog against the thinly-held U.S. front along the Argonne. He knew then that his colossal gamble, into which he was pouring all his resources, would bring him one of two things—either he would succeed in delaying final Allied victory over Germany indefinitely, or he would receive a knockout blow.

Those alternatives still are be- fore him. There is, however, this difference: His position is much stronger today because of the damage he has inflicted to the U.S. fighting machine and be- cause he has succeeded in uniting his two original wedges, thereby giving his salient much greater stability.

guilty of having betrayed his comrades to the Gestapo; Louis Hare, said to have been respon- sible for the surveillance of a British woman agent, and Engel Pagnon.

A ninth man sentenced to death was reprieved.

The condemned men each drank a glass of champagne from a bottle sent to Villaplana by a friend. They all smoked cigar- ettes at the stake though their hands were tied.

### Brooklyn Asks Coward To Attend Memorial

NEW YORK (AP)—Noel Cow- ard has been invited to Brooklyn. The British author-actor, who roused the borough's wrath with a published reference to Brook- lyn boys "in tears" over slight battle wounds, was asked to at- tend a Jan. 7 memorial cere- mony.

## 8 French Gestapo Members Executed

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—Eight members of the French Gestapo, sentenced to death by a Paris court recently, were executed at 10.15 a.m. at Fort Montreux, the Paris radio said today.

Best known of the eight were Pierre Boffy, former police in- spector of the Surete, General, the French Scotland Yard.

He admitted at his trial that he had been involved in the ar- rest of Mlle. Genevieve de Gaulle, niece of Gen. de Gaulle, who was a member of a resistance group. The others were: Henri La- font, the leader of the gang; Paul Clavie, nephew of LaFont; Alexandre Villaplana, a former French international footballer; Charles Delaval, formerly of the resistance movement, found

## De Gaulle Sends Envoy to Poland

MOSCOW (AP)—The official Russian news agency, Tass, an- nounced today that Gen. de Gaulle's French government had exchanged representatives with the five-month-old Polish regime at Lublin, which is expected here to declare itself the provisional government of Poland before the new year.

The announcement said De Gaulle's emissary, Christian Fouché, already had arrived in Lublin and that the Lublin com- mittee now is represented in Paris by Stefan Jedrychowski, its former Moscow representa- tive.

Polish sources in Moscow say Czechoslovakia is expected to follow France's example in ex- changing representatives with Lublin.

## Hunt 19 Escapees

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—The next 36 hours may determine if there will be a quick round-up of 19 Germans still at large after a sensational escape from the Pa- pago Park prisoner-of-war camp, an army officer said today.

Six of 25 German U-boat of- ficers and men who fled through a 200-foot tunnel were recaptured Sunday night a few hours after the escape was discovered. None has been apprehended since.

The ranking escapee is Navy Capt. Jurgen Watterberg, 43, former officer on the Admiral Graf Spee, scuttled German pocket battleship. He was later decorated by the Nazis for sink- ing a Brazilian freighter.

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## Little Demand for Election In Canada Until War Over

By Canadian Institute of Public  
Opinion

TORONTO—Whatever party strategists dictate, it can be said that there is virtually no demand among the rank and file voters of Canada for an immediate fed- eral election. This fact, which emerges clearly from national opinion survey conducted by the institute, is consistent with the views of Canadians to the effect that the war comes first.

Three possibilities were pre- sented to a carefully designed cross-section of Canadian voters by Gallup opinion reporters:

"Which of these things do you think the government in Ottawa should do about a Dominion elec- tion:

"Call one right away?

"Wait until its term is up in April?

"Not call an election until after the war is over?"

The results: Right away, 13 per cent; in April, 27 per cent;

after the war, 49 per cent; un- decided, 11 per cent.

Institute surveys have shown that the Canadian people have consistently taken the attitude that a federal election was un- necessary until the war is over.

It is true, however, that the majority in favor of postponing elec- tions has dwindled slightly in the past two years. Followers of the Gallup Poll will recall that last October, the institute found that 52 per cent of the voting population was opposed to hold- ing an election this year. In February of 1943, this majority was 64 per cent.

In its current survey, the poll found, naturally enough, that voters who support the Liberal Party were most in favor of pos- tponing an election until after the war. While 65 per cent of Liberal supporters voted in favor of postponement, only 40 and 42 per cent of the C.C.F. and Pro- gressive Conservative parties, re- spectively, voted for the same thing. With all three major par- ties, however, the largest single group of voters wanted a post- ponement.

It is interesting to see the ex- tent to which public opinion in Canada and Great Britain agree on this issue. Great Britain, which has not had an election since 1935 still shows a majority opposed to one until after V-Day. In its latest survey on this sub- ject, the affiliated British Insti- tute reported that 57 per cent of the electorate wanted postpone- ment of elections until after—not only Germany, but Japan was defeated.

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## Air Raid On Paris By Unknown Planes

PARIS (AP)—Three persons were killed and 13 others injured Wednesday night by bombs which fell on the Paris area near world-famous landmarks. It was the French capital's first air raid since Aug. 27, immediately after the city's liberation.

The bombers were not officially identified, but by the fact that only a few appeared over the city virtually precluded any possi- bility that the bombs might have been dropped by accident from Allied aircraft.

A servicemen's club was wrecked by a direct hit which caused some casualties. French air raid defence authorities said a hospital was hit. Night fight- ers took to the air immediately in pursuit of the bombers.

## Nazi General Killed

LONDON (CP)—Gen. Theo- dore Gelb, commander of a Ger- man army group, died of wounds received on the western front, the Berlin radio said today.

Oak Bay firemen stood by for 10 minutes at 1737 St. Ann Street today to extinguish a chimney blaze and 17 minutes later at 8.12 attended for eight minutes at a rubbish blaze which flared out of control.

## Lady Robin Hood Victim Ends Life

NEW YORK (AP)—"Thefts have ruined me," was the tragic line added today to the story of Lady Robin Hood by her one-time employer.

The words were penned in a note left by Oscar H. Gropper, 57, who fell to his death from a ninth-floor hotel window.

He was owner of Gropper Inc., leather goods firm, from which Mrs. Mageline Dunning, 22-year- old secretary, recently was ac- cused of stealing some \$30,000 to give pay raises to employees.

Mrs. Dunning, under arrest on a grand larceny charge, but at liberty on bond, burst into tears and sobbed when told of Gropper's death.

"I never would have believed the man could be affected that way," she exclaimed. "He seemed such a sensible person."

Seated at home with her hus- band, Joseph, a navy yard worker, Mrs. Dunning said: "I guess it doesn't matter about me after what I've done. But think what this is doing to my family."

Assistant District Attorney Francis X. Clark said Mrs. Dun- nigan, who earned \$40 a week, told him she boosted one employ- ee's pay from \$30 to \$55 weekly, and another from \$3 to \$15 a day.

A friend received \$25 a week, Clark said, while Mrs. Dunning used some of the money to buy herself clothes.

### Trench Foot Licked

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. army has reported a western- front victory over trench foot—a disease that can knock a sol- dier out of combat as effectively as a bullet. At one time the disease reached 9.82 men of every 1,000 on the western front. This has been cut 75 per cent by pre- cautionary measures including increased supplies of footwear and alertness to the danger in combating the disease. The dis- ease results from prolonged ex- posure of the feet to cold and moisture. Average period in hospital is 60 days.

The lids of the chameleon's eyes are fused together, leaving an opening no larger than the pupil.

## New York Meatless, Butcher Shuns Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—Christmas dinner leftovers made up the menu for many a New York fam- ily Tuesday as thousands of but- cher shops closed in protest against government price regula- tions.

A bakery drivers' strike sharply cut delivery of pies and dark bread, meanwhile, and many deli- catesse stores their owners joining meat dealers in a price protest—failed to open. Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine reported that 2,135 of 6,020 meat stores checked in New York's five boroughs were observing the "meat holiday" voted two weeks ago.

## Japs Say Casualties Of U.S. Total 503,000

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Japan's war and navy ministers asserted today the United States has suffered 503,000 casualties since Pearl Harbor and the de- cisive battles of the war were fought in the Philippines.

End, by broadcast, recorded by the U.S. Communications Com- mission, said their statements were made in formal reports to the 86th session of the Nipponese Diet.

### Fire Victim Dies

WINNIPEG (CP)—The second victim of a fire that gutted the Lindenlee Apartments here last Friday, 71-year-old Jessie Sutton died in a hospital Tuesday of injuries suffered in the blaze. Harry Wickey, 53, died on his way to a hospital after the fire.

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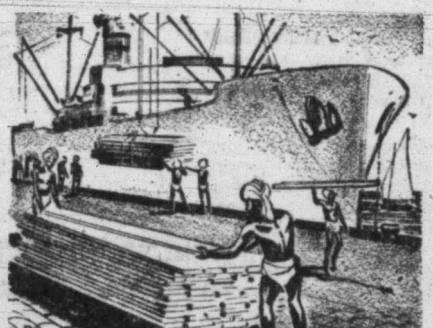
It may be confidently stated that after the war, and for many years to come, British Columbia's forests will continue to yield all the lumber needed (whether in the form of big trees, little trees or forest "waste"), for consumption both at home and in the markets of the world. But meeting the price in those markets (a price which fluctuates without relation to our costs of production) will be—as it always has been—a problem to be reckoned with.



The future of the home market is assured. It will expand with the steady develop- ment of Canada and its population. But to maintain our lumber production at its present huge volume, so that it may continue to rank as our greatest source of wealth, we must concern ourselves mainly with the export markets. And herein lies our problem. It is a problem of price—and it cannot be solved merely by figuring our costs and setting the selling price accordingly.



To meet this price our logging industry in British Columbia must welcome sound reform; whilst striving to pay the highest possible wages and carry our fair share of taxes, we can never allow the sum of these, plus some recompense to the operator, to exceed the selling price already established at the foreign market in which our product is to be sold.



All our competitors in other parts of the world are producing nearer to their markets and so have lower transportation costs to meet. Most are favored by lower taxes and exceedingly low wage scales—some as little as one-tenth the rate paid in British Columbia. Yet the logging operators of this province must meet the price in these foreign markets in which our competitors are so much more advantageously placed.



Our costs of production are rising. Wages paid to employees and stumpage fees to the Government are increasing; new social benefits to our workers have been added. Nevertheless, this company is confident that ways will be found to meet our pressing marketing problems. Naturally, we shall do all in our power to find buyers for our forest harvest when produced. It is our living.

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#### OUT COME THE HATCHETS

WHEN THEY GATHER IN WASHINGTON for the assembly of the new Congress next week, some of the old hands of the Senate and House of Representatives evidently intend to make it their business to look for someone to blame for the success of the German offensive on the western front, the Washington Post editorially recommending that the committee on post-war military policy examine the situation "with a view to drawing the proper lesson from it." The same newspaper today, incidentally, attempts to mollify its dazed readers and the public generally with the suggestion that "for the mistake both the British and ourselves must accept joint responsibility"—because the chief intelligence officer "is a Briton with an American as his deputy." But General Eisenhower has not even a deputy.

An influential newspaper such as the Washington Post should hold its editorial horses until further developments have clarified the general situation on that part of the western front where Field Marshal von Rundstedt has scored what undoubtedly is an important success. To what extent the Nazi commander-in-chief is able to continue to exploit his initial advantage, whether existing conditions seriously threaten the program which General Eisenhower had mapped out on a long-term basis, is a matter which armchair strategists thousands of miles from the scene cannot hope to discuss usefully. If the intelligence service of the Allied command should prove to have been at fault, regardless of the nationalities of its personnel—who was, or was not, the head man, as it were—those in authority now know or will soon discover. For the moment, however, the layman has learned from news material already exposed to the public gaze that the enemy knew the part of the line he attacked was held somewhat thinly by American forces. By a similar token, therefore, his own intelligence service was on its inquisitive toes and displayed the green light to von Rundstedt. One exercise of the imagination to which the layman should hesitate to allow himself to succumb without due regard for all the intricate circumstances is the apportionment of the blame for any military developments which do not evoke jubilation.

On several occasions both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt have warned their respective publics that the assault on "Festung Deutschland" would mean bitter and costly fighting and some disappointments. The present fluid and puzzling condition on one of the fighting areas comes under the heading of disappointments—a set-back just when the Allied world had supposed that all was going according to plan. And until it clarifies it would be wise for the amateur military and political strategists to have patience. This does not mean that Congressmen are expected to keep silent on the progress of events; they are entitled to exercise their democratic rights. Some of their criticisms, nevertheless, may be no more justified than if a partisan zealot in this country were to try to blame Mr. MacKenzie King for this temporary rebuff.

#### CHINESE REORGANIZATION

FOLLOWING HARD ON THE HEELS OF Chinese successes in the southeast which have, temporarily, at any rate, driven the Japanese back from access to the Burma Road terminal in China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appears to have taken drastic steps to pull the family together. He is said to be reorganizing his entire cabinet and to have included both Nationalists and Communists in the new "Family Compact." If this is so, he evidently has discovered the formula, which he recently suggested he was seeking, for a "Save-Face" solution for all parties—the prerequisite for united action against the Japanese.

It is possible the Generalissimo had to wait until matters became so critical that his closest advisers, who seem to have been the core of resistance to reorganization, found themselves in danger of losing everything through Japanese action. They might have discovered they had clung too long to Chiang Kai-shek in the belief that he would prove the winner in the end and also, no doubt, because they sincerely were hostile to Japanese domination. By sticking to the patriotic side they had definitely cut themselves off from any chance of profiting from collaboration. But as long as they thought they could maintain their privileges and their authority over supplies, and keep individuals more representative of the popular parties out of such authority, they refused all measures leading to unity. The Generalissimo could not do entirely without their influence and probably had gradually to bring them into a better realization of the practical necessities for reorganization.

In the end, Japanese pressure seems to have accomplished his purpose. If the rumors of reorganization are true and "free" China is at last united, at least the Generalissimo will be able not only to obtain the co-operation of the hardy Communist guerrillas, but also the use of the armies he has kept from fighting the Japanese in order that they could watch the Communists and prevent the overthrow of his "family" party.

#### GOOD RESOLUTIONS

NO. 12 OF THE C.C.F. PROGRAM FOR submission to the electorate at the first opportunity reads:

"Health and Nutrition. Establishment of a socialized health service aimed at providing a national standard of health care in every part of Canada."

A pre-election appeal to the voters in Saskatchewan included a publicly-supported medical service to reach every home. The C.C.F. party won that election with comparative ease. Its Minister of Finance has already discovered that to promise is one thing, to fulfill another, and now proclaims that it will be five years before the service can be operated—as it will cost \$10,000,000 annually and increase taxes fifty per cent!

Health Services are included in the Beveridge plan and in Britain they are actually computed to cost more than \$650,000,000 in 1945, rising to \$748,000,000 in 1975. Comparably with the population of Canada, this would entail \$162,800,000 in 1945, rising to \$187,000,000 in 1975.

It would obviously save the electorate much disappointment if Messrs. Lewis and Scott, who write the promissory policies of the C.C.F. would, as Mr. Winch suggests, state what premiums have to be paid for them. Even if the electorate still believes in the fable, "we can finance the war, so we can finance anything we want in peace"—which Mr. Lewis so airily shrills—both Messrs. Lewis and Scott admit such fables are only propagated "to win the election."

Evidently these two are fully prepared to sign any provincial promissory note, provided it is only to be met when the C.C.F. wins Dominion control.

#### PAYING THE BILLS

THE REHABILITATION OF CIVILIAN economy in Great Britain after the war is not only of most serious concern to the people of that little island but worries our good neighbors in the United States, more especially those who regard Lend-Lease as constituting a colossal debt of money owing by Britain to the United States. Lend-Lease shipments were authorized by Congress "as presently and solely," Britain is being reminded, to "promote the defence of the United States."

In February, 1942, however, liability for these shipments was reduced by the agreement signed in Washington to "returning after the war such defence articles as shall not have been destroyed, lost or consumed, and as shall be determined by the President to be useful in the defence of the United States." By this agreement the United States bound herself to continue to aid Britain with supplies and the British reciprocated with such articles as they "were in a position to supply."

But when the mutual strain and stress of war has passed it is only natural that the British should count the cost and face the problem of existence under the new conditions when Lend-Lease no longer operates. They have been quite frank in stating that the outstanding and basic international problem is the reconstitution of the British monetary and trade position. This is the problem which was not covered by the agreements made at Bretton Woods. That is why they are placing such emphasis on the necessity of restoring their export trade. That also is why traders in the United States are apt to be peculiarly sensitive regarding the destination of Lend-Lease supplies and simultaneously suggestive regarding securities available for loans.

These "traders" even if they appreciate the fact that Britain has parted with all her available liquid assets to continue the war and has already taxed her people to the point of saturation, do not believe she has parted with her possessions—as they are deemed—such as islands in the Caribbean and Pacific. These islands, the vast majority of Americans consider as assets, and could be sold to discharge debts. As a matter of fact it would be of interest to know how many of such "colonial" securities are already held by investors in the United States. After all "Dominion and Colonial Funds" are always quoted by the London Stock Exchange. Are they not also guaranteed by the respective "Dominion and Colonial" authorities?

What some Americans do not recognize is that Britain has no power to dispose of the lives of the peoples who are the owners of the islands. They can vote themselves to become "possessions" of the United States; but the British Parliament cannot dispose of them like so much livestock or bales of cotton.

#### THE MOON EXPRESS

OUR NEIGHBOR'S DEPARTMENT OF the Interior at Washington has informed the ambitious and forward-looking president of the United States Rocket Society that it will be quite legal to file a claim for some real estate on the moon under the American Homestead Law. Apparently all the applicant needs to do is to prove that he is acquainted with the land in question, and be ready to move on to it six months after his entry is approved. Maybe some of the top Axis war criminals should be turned over to the enterprising rocket man.

Triple-A priority might be given to construction of moonbound rockets, with reserved seats for Hitler and his inner circle and the Jap war cabinet on the first one completed. After that, a few trips by the Nippon Express, the Gauleiter Limited, and the Gestapo Special, and this could be quite a pleasant world again. Only we should probably first check on the other side of the moon to see that there are no inhabitants. For the company of those rocket passengers should not be unloaded on a dog—or what passes for a dog on our frigid satellite.

Don't blame "waves of optimism" on loose-talking officials. It's our own fault if we still believe what they say.

#### Walter Lippmann

THIS IS A very bad time indeed to minimize the gravity of the German offensive by reminding ourselves how soon after Ludendorff's breakthrough in March, 1918, the German armies surrendered. Even if it should turn out to be true that von Rundstedt has thrown in his last reserves and has staked everything, let us remember that the tide of battle was not turned in 1918 by a comforting analogy; it was turned by the desperate fighting of our Allies and by an enormous speeding up of the American reinforcements.

If the events of 1918 are to be repeated now, it will not be by reassuring ourselves that it all turned out for the best but by recovering the conviction of desperate urgency on which, then as now, all depends.

The blunt truth is that all of us—and I know of no exceptions—have underestimated the power of our enemies. We have allowed ourselves to see things as we wished to see them, and not as they are. Now we must see them as they are, and find in the truth not comfort and ease but steadfastness and resolution. The spectacular victories which we won in Europe and in the Pacific caused our enemies to concentrate furiously in order to wage war. The victories caused us to be off guard, to think about reconversion and demobilization, and to theorize and quarrel about peace. What we have to do now is to regroup our forces, mobilize to a far higher degree than we have yet done, and adjust our political ideas to the realities of a long and hard war.

FOR THE ONLY way to shorten the war is to become fully prepared in our minds and hearts; in our strategy and our measures, and in our diplomacy, for a long war. We took the enormous military risk—calculated, as the saying goes, but very narrowly calculated—of trying to knock out two great warrior nations at once. There is no use pretending that the calculation worked out; we have driven the Japanese out of some of their island outposts; the Anglo-American and Soviet armies have driven the Germans from the approaches and outer defences of Germany. This was a great victory and it has meant the liberation of about 50,000,000 people. But it has meant also that the Germans who were vastly extended became concentrated behind fortified lines which neither the Red Army in front of Warsaw, nor the American Army in front of Cologne were able to pierce in their first attempt. Behind these fortified lines, which they held with relatively mediocre troops, the Germans have reconstituted and re-equipped a formidable offensive army.

In the Pacific the Japanese have reacted no less vigorously and efficiently to the victories of Nimitz and MacArthur. Seeing that our amphibious power was great enough to cut their sea communications, they have hacked out land communications through the heart of China to the riches of southeast Asia. This means that the military power of Japan cannot be destroyed, but can only be contained, by the amphibious forces of Nimitz and MacArthur. It means that Japan can be defeated conclusively only by a great land campaign on the Japanese homeland and on the Asiatic mainland.

THESE FACTS were already visible two months ago. But of course they have been made grimly clear by the German breakthrough. These facts about the war, rather than casuistry about the Atlantic Charter or speculation about reconversion, must now control our judgment, our strategic decisions, our war measures, our diplomacy and our public comment.

Because our judgment has been based on a false and wishful estimate of the state of war, we are faced with the prospect of a longer and more difficult war. It is all very well to say that we have achieved a miracle of production at home: the question is whether we can sustain and increase the effort without that national-service law which we alone, among the great powers in this war, have been too soft with ourselves to enact.

The same false estimate of the war is the cause of the disappointment and disillusionment which the Allies have encountered in Belgium, Italy and Greece. The errors of judgment, which have undoubtedly been committed, are the errors of men who expected the war to end this year, and find intractable difficulties in front of them because the war has not ended this year.

This, too, is the primary cause of the continuation of the Polish trouble, that the Red Army was stopped at the Vistula and the gates of Warsaw, that no representative Polish government can exist while the greater part of Poland is in enemy hands, and that the advance of the Red Army beyond Warsaw will be jeopardized if there is no Polish settlement which brings with it the full collaboration of all the Polish underground forces.

WE MAY THINK, as I for one do, that Poles have a just claim to the retention of Lwow. But in the name of the safety of our troops in Europe and in the Pacific, let us have the common sense not to stake the fortunes of war and the solidarity of the alliance, and the liberation of the Poles themselves, upon a small province containing a predominantly Polish city in the midst of a predominantly Russian countryside. If, as we have argued, the whole territorial settlement of eastern Europe can and should be postponed until the war is over, then this particular settlement can be re-examined when the war is over.

Let us remember that we are not in a position either in Europe or in the Pacific to indulge in the moral luxury of estranging our (the United States) strongest Allies. The British and the Russians have paid a terrible price to wage this war while we were making up for our unpreparedness. They have paid with their blood for the right to be judged, at least considerately and temperately even if we think they are in error, when they act in defence of what they regard as their vital interests.

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And that is why it is important that you actually apply for service. Then you are sure to have your name on the waiting list.

However, it must be remembered that the "first come, first served" system depends on the availability of circuits in the immediate vicinity of your residence.

If you are already a telephone subscriber and move to another residence, wartime regulations permit us to give you service without undue delay, provided it is unnecessary to string too great an amount of wire and that there is adequate central office equipment.

The general situation is that we haven't enough telephones, or wire or central office equipment to serve everybody. We won't have for a long time. Wartime restrictions must first be lifted, and manufacturers, who are now meeting war needs, must be able to turn again to the manufacture of telephone facilities, thus enabling us to begin the big job of "catching up."

We are genuinely sorry that we cannot say "yes" to everyone.

People who have been affected by the restrictions have, for the most part, been very patient, and we wish to express our appreciation.

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## Royal Bank Figures Set New Records, Profits Improved

The annual financial statement of the Royal Bank of Canada for the year ending Nov. 30, 1944, reflects continued progress in all principal departments of the bank's business, with total assets and deposits at record levels and profits moderately higher.

Total assets, shown at \$1,790,251,802, are the highest in the history of the bank, and compare with \$1,509,097,571 on Nov. 30, 1943. Total deposits have increased and are now at the record figure of \$1,676,884,696, representing an increase for the year of nearly \$277,000,000. Deposits by the public are substantially higher at \$1,400,096,883, an increase for the year of nearly \$250,000,000. Indicative of the scale of private saving is the substantial increase in deposits by the public bearing interest, which

now stand at the impressive total of \$592,851,469.

Current loans of \$351,652,376 are slightly higher than a year ago. Call loans are also higher. Current loans in Canada are shown at \$261,024,287, as compared with \$277,921,237 on Nov. 30, 1943. The easy financial position of otherwise active borrowers due to rapid turnover and prompt settlement of accounts under prevailing conditions has had the continued effect of reducing the normal demand for bank accommodation in Canada. The decrease in current loans in Canada, however, is more than offset by an increase of over \$23,000,000 in current loans outside of Canada, which total \$79,117,470.

### LIQUID POSITION STRONG

The liquid position of the bank is, as usual, very strong, with quickly realizable assets equal to 81.62 per cent of the bank's liabilities to the public.

Cash on hand, deposits with the Bank of Canada, other cash items and bank balances have also in-

creased and now total \$377,752,788.

After providing for Dominion Government taxes, amounting to \$2,127,214, and reserves for bad and doubtful debts, profits for the year amounted to \$3,812,184, an increase over the profits for the previous year of \$385,895. Out of these profits dividends totaling \$2,100,000 were paid, \$880,000 appropriated for the Pension Fund Society, and \$400,000 set aside for bank premises. The sum of \$432,184 was carried forward to the balance of Profit and Loss Account, which now stands at \$4,247,671.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held at the head office of the bank Jan. 11.

### THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1940—Germans raided London heavily. Canada's 2nd Division brought to full strength. Thirteenth Newfoundland naval contingent arrived in United Kingdom. Axis sea raider shelled Pacific Island of Nauru. Eire announced gasoline restrictions.

## Senator H. J. Logan Of Nova Scotia Dies; 15 Vacancies Now

OTTAWA (CP)—Senator Hance J. Logan, K.C., 74, of Parrsboro, N.S., Liberal member of the Senate from Nova Scotia since 1929 and an outspoken advocate in Parliament of claims of the Maritime provinces for better treatment within Confederation, died in a hospital here Tuesday night after a long illness.

He was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1932 at the age of 23. He was associated in legal practice with J. L. Reiston, K.C., who a short time ago resigned as Minister of National Defence. He took an early interest in politics and was elected to the House of Commons from his native Cumberland County in 1896, being the first Liberal sent to Ottawa from that riding since Confederation. He was re-elected in 1900 and

1904, but defeated in 1908. In 1921 he returned to Parliament with the largest majority ever given any federal candidate in Cumberland.

His death brings to 15 the number of vacancies in the Senate. The standing now is: Liberals 48, Progressive Conservatives 33 and vacancies 15. Total 96.

His only son died from gas infection while serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in France during the first Great War. Senator Logan's first wife, Eleanor L. Kinder, died in 1899. He married again, in 1921, Anna Blanche MacKenna, who died in 1934.

### CLAIMS PRESENTED

As a lawyer, Senator Logan presented a number of claims on behalf of clients when German property was confiscated by the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property during the first Great War, and subsequently placed in a fund for the payment of reparations to Canadians who had suffered loss through enemy action. One claim was that of Capt. Freeman Hatfield, a childhood

friend of Senator Logan, who claimed his schooner, the Gypsum Queen, had been torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast in 1915. It was settled in 1931 by an award of \$71,276 to Capt. Hatfield.

Subsequently, the courts deciding the claim was fraudulent, Hatfield and Logan were ordered by the Exchequer Court to return the award money, and Hatfield was tried for fraud and sentenced to 18 months in jail.

An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, but before it was heard and after Hatfield's conviction Logan was arraigned on a charge of fraud. He maintained throughout the inquiry that he had acted for Hatfield in good faith. He suffered a physical breakdown shortly after his arraignment in September, 1935, and court action was delayed.

Later the criminal charge against him was dropped.

Australia was the first nation to make relations between capital and labor a matter for special courts of arbitration.

## Northern England Hit By V-Bombs

SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN ENGLAND (CP)—Untouched by enemy air activity for two years, some areas of northern England were attacked by V-bombs in the predawn hours of Christmas.

The enemy weapons killed men, women and children and flattened homes where, when the sirens used to sound, inhabitants would shrug their shoulders and say "Just another practice warning."

Some towns and villages were bombed for the first time. Christmas trees, tinsel and decorations are visible in the debris along ruined streets and families who awaited servicemen coming home on leave spent Christmas huddled in blankets on emergency beds in the first centres.

One father who was to have dressed as Santa Claus still is searching in the rubble of his home for his children. Rescue workers found in the

ruins of houses such articles as a tin containing turkey ready for cooking, musical scores for Christmas parties, tattered and broken Christmas presents and even mince pies and cakes.

### CLAIM MANCHESTER STRUCK

LONDON (CP)—Berlin today claimed Manchester had been struck by V-1 bombs, indicating either that German pick-a-back planes were making daring sweeps toward northern England, or that an improved type of V-1 had a longer range.

(Censorship has not permitted British correspondents to comment.)

Describing the V-1 bombing of the textile city as an "important factor" in the military situation, a broadcast declared: "The Allies see now there is no defence against V-1 or V-2."

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## Special Fur Coat Sale

Electric Seal (died piece rabbit),  
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You have probably planned on buying a fur coat... here, then, is your opportunity to satisfy that desire and at the same time afford your budget a timely saving. The choice of either of these popular furs will give you a coat you will long enjoy wearing for its comfort and smartness. Each coat is carefully made and nicely lined throughout, with storm cuffs. Sizes 12 to 40.

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## 25 Only WOMEN'S and MISSSES' TWEED SUITS

Special **9.95**

25 lucky shoppers are going to get a real bargain in the selecting of one of these quality suits. All are carefully tailored and nicely styled from choice quality tweed and plaid cloths that at this special price represent only a fraction of their worth... but several stock lines are now broken for size, etc., and have been grouped at this price for clearance. Sizes 12 to 20.

## Clearance of Broken Lines WOMEN'S and MISSSES' SKIRTS

Special, each **1.00**

Broken size ranges and slightly shop-soiled lines are featured in this bargain group... all are nicely made from a variety of popular cloths... many with zipper side fastening... and shown in several shades. Sizes, collectively, 12 to 18.



## CLEARANCE AFTERNOON DRESSES

Special **1.88**

Slightly shopsoiled, broken lines and stock oddments of nice quality dresses, representing values up to 6.95... all featured Thursday at this special low price. Select several from the range for present or later wear but shop at your earliest convenience Thursday for best choice of sizes.

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Special, each **1.00**

A good selection of smart, wearable felts that feature quality and style at a price that easily enables you to add several new hats to your winter wardrobe, which will give new life to your present outfit and see you well into spring. Styles for miss or matron.

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Primrose Lodge, No. 32, D.O.E., banquet, Terry's, Friday, Drill practice, Jan. 8, 2... Christmas party, St. Matthew's Sunday School children, Saturday, 2:30, Canadian Legion Hall... Langford Community Club, Community Fair, Women's Institute Hall, Dunford Road, Thursday, 8.

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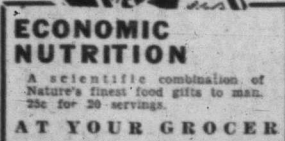
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## Snowball Aids Solarium

Annual Snowball Frolic sponsored by the Solarium Junior League was a gay and festive affair held at the Empress Hotel Tuesday evening. More than 400 holiday-makers attended.

Among the crowd were dancers in bright-colored gowns in candy stripes, flowered skirts and last, but not least, the formal gown of black. Mingled among them were the uniforms of the three services. The decorations were done by members of the league and general convener was Mrs. C. H. Miller, assisted by Mesdames H. McKenzie, J. Scaplen and H. V. Bassett.

One, Armand Ouellette, R.C.A., who comes from Windsor, Ont.,

designed the clever backdrop behind Len Acres' orchestra, which depicted an Arctic scene of big white snowballs, icebergs and the cold Arctic seas. Penguins adorned the stage.

Dianne MacPherson, a tiny dancer from Wynne Shaw's School of Dancing, opened the floor show. Dressed as a penguin Dianne tumbled out of a snow bank and performed many acrobatic feats.

The Hay Balers from H.M.C.S. Givenchy, wearing lumbermen's shirts of many bright colors and 10-gallon hats, played many cowboy songs and were led by Writer D. Hasckell.

Malvina, a well-known radio artist, was the soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bell and small son from Ioco, B.C., are visiting Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Maddock, Cedar Hill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peace have returned to Vancouver after spending the week-end in Langford the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Yates.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kay and their son Hugh, R.C.N.V.R., also Miss Stella Crewton, all of Burnaby, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Haycroft, Woodlawn Crescent.

Cpl. Pamela Bennett, R.C.A.F. (W.D.) of Comox spent holiday leave at her home in Oak Bay.

Mrs. J. D. Pearson, captain of the Langford Girl Guides, was honored when Jean Fraser presented her with a pyrex set from the company. The presentation was made at the home of Mrs. D. Fraser, Dunford Road.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fox, 1809 Foul Bay Road, will be at home to their friends Friday from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Fox were married at Regent Street Wesleyan Church, Weston-Super-Mare, Eng., Dec. 29, 1894. There are three children, Mrs. A. R. C. Hedden, Victoria; Lieut. (N.S.) P. M. Fox, recently returned from England, and George F. Fox of Maywood, Calif. Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren live in California.

Unused "F" canning sugar coupons, 1 to 10 in Ration Book 3 may be exchanged for preserves coupons at any Local Ration Board. These "F" coupons expire Dec. 31, along with all other coupons in Ration Books 3 and 4.

Miss Gladys and Myrtle Evanson of Victoria and Saskatoon have arrived from Vancouver to spend the holiday season with their sister, Mrs. J. Davis Wilcott, Summit Avenue.

Miss Honor Nash has returned to Victoria after spending the Christmas holiday in Ganges, the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Inglis.

Misses Mary Lees, Vivian Layard, Valerie Lowther and Muriel Holmes have returned to Victoria after spending the holiday season with their parents at their homes in Ganges.

Among Vancouver visitors registered at the Empress Hotel are Mrs. J. Warren Bell, Mrs. M. Jacoby, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Skene, Col. and Mrs. W. G. Swan, Miss Margaret McKenzie, Mrs. Eric Scheal and Miss Rosemary Lee.

Several members of the R.C.A.F. from No. 6 Convalescent Home were special guests at a social evening arranged by the Canadian Legion and Women's Auxiliary at Langford. Mrs. C. Carlson and Miss Wilma Pike were in charge of games while Mr. Maughan directed the play of cribbage. Refreshments were served by Mesdames M. Pimlott, J. D. Pearson, R. Carlow and Miss H. Butler.

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If you will tell your girl just how you feel about it, she will keep her specs on and be eternally grateful to you for making it possible for her to see.

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Woman Is Guide In Movement Of Aid to Russia

NEW YORK—The solicitor for a trucking company walked into the Russian War Relief traffic manager's office, asked to see the boss—and came face to face with a good-looking blond. For a few seconds he stared into the face of Eve Gersh, amazed to find a woman in the chair of a traffic manager who moved \$1,500,000 worth of merchandise a month.

Then he recovered himself and went on with his business. When the interview ended, he hesitated a moment, then he pulled two cigars from his pocket and stuffed them into her hand.

"Here," he said, "take 'em anyway. Give 'em to your husband."

Eve Gersh kept her face straight. She learned to do that long ago in a job which requires her to move 800 tons of freight a month from dozens of small towns throughout the country, into New York and on to Moscow.

She has to see that drugs, vitamins, seeds, shoes, watches, musical instruments, art materials, technical books, medical apparatus, laboratory equipment, blankets and foodstuffs are moved from the places where people have collected them, as assembled in warehouses in New York or Portland, Ore., and from there dispatched to Russia. She also is responsible for the shipment of other materials purchased by Russian War Relief.

Plenty of trouble flows across her desk. Messages concerning shipping permits that are held up, shipments delayed en route, ships too crowded with war material to carry relief supplies. But no matter how hot it gets Mrs. Gersh preserves the same unruffled telephone tone. Here's her secret:

"I know I just mustn't lose my temper," she says with a little grin. "So I keep it smooth 'til I've hung up the receiver. And then I just sit there, where no one can hear me, and tell the walls what I think. When I have it off my chest, I go back to work again."

Dorothy Dix

Dear Miss Dix: My girl wears glasses when she works, but when she goes out, on a date she leaves them off and goes blinking and stumbling around. Can you suggest anything I could do or say to make her realize that she is so much more attractive with her spectacles than without them?

H. M. W.

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A wracking cough keeps you awake at night and is a heavy strain on your vitality. Bronchial tubes are constantly irritated. Reid's Bronchitis Remedy has been developed especially to meet this condition. It is made from a soothing emulsion of Canadian haisan. Reid's Bronchitis Remedy is on sale for 35¢ and 50¢ at all Cunningham Drug Stores and other drug stores.

Indonesian Women Die of Overwork

MONTREAL—Indonesian women of all ages are being herded together in jungle slave labor camps by the Japanese in western New Guinea under conditions which have caused a camp death rate as high as 45 per cent.

A Japanese woman who has just escaped from one of the camps said that between last August and October, 219 of the 500 women in her camp had died of malnutrition and overwork. Their ages ranged from very young to quite old. The camps are located in the large areas of western Netherlands New Guinea still being held by Japanese forces, which are trying to dig in and hold out indefinitely and, in their desperation, are driving the women inhumanly to accomplish their aim.

The women are sent to camps in the jungle and forced to clear off heavily timbered and thickly overgrown terrain, using only hand tools. When the land is cleared, they are then made to plant it with vegetables, using the felled trees to fence in the gardens.

But none of the produce of the gardens is enjoyed by the women who, once they have cleared an area and completed planting it, are shifted on 10 hours' notice to another area to start the process all over again. The informant said she had been shifted in this manner to three new locations within the past four months.

Clubwomen

Mrs. W. McCague was re-elected president of Centennial United Church Ladies' Guild at the annual meeting. Other officers are Mrs. Cox, vice-president; Mrs. J. Corry, secretary; Mrs. K. McCormack, treasurer; Mrs. J. Bruce, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Jeffery, Gorge Circle; Mrs. J. Cox, Busy Bee Circle; Mrs. E. McCuaig, Quadra Circle. Annual reports were read, showing 175 articles made for the Red Cross by the Quadra Circle. Rev. John Turner presided during election of officers.

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The staff and management sincerely wish their many friends and patrons a Brighter and Happier New Year.

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## Old Home Town Letter

For the Boys and Girls Overseas

Victoria Daily Times prints news of the week in capsule form to overcome regulations which forbid sending newspapers overseas. Clip and send it to relatives and friends in the forces.

DEAR

MORE ENGLISH war brides of Victoria soldiers who have arrived from England, are Mrs. Jane Grant, wife of Capt. K. D. Grant, with her son and daughter; Mrs. Maude Gariepy, wife of Pte. W. E. Gariepy and her young son; Mrs. Barbara Alton, widow of Tpr. Calvin Alton, with her daughter; Mrs. Joyce Wilson, wife of Sgt. C. A. Wilson, R.C.O.C., with two children; Mrs. Muriel Wyatt, wife of 2nd Lt. A. R. C. Wyatt, with her daughter; Cecil Tice, 51, field crops commissioner for the provincial department of agriculture, dies suddenly outside his office in the Parliament Buildings.

Herbert Anscomb announces complete modernization and revision of the Malahat to be completed this winter. Adele Plant, is again president of the Junior Auxiliary to the Air Services. Capt. Ian MacDonald Grant, Three River Tank Regiment, receives D.S.O. He took the initiative when senior officers were put out of action, defeated at least two enemy counterattacks and assured the piercing of the Trasimeno Line in Italy last June.

O.S. CLIFFORD MACKAY, 18, R.C.N.V.R., is taking a wireless course at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis. His brother, CPO. T. A. Mackay, is serving aboard a Fairmile. Stoker I. N. Combe, 19, is home for Christmas leave. FO. M. G. C. Grant, R.C.A.F., has completed 37 operational flights. Pte. Clifford Blake, R.C.E.M.E., is now in Holland after service in France and Belgium. Pte. Richard Burnett, Veterans' Guard, is home on furlough. Others home on leave include Lt. M. A. Cree and Lt. Dudley Smythies, both R.C.N.V.R., and AB. Sidney Stearn.

ALD. B. J. GADSDEN'S motion to prohibit use of pinball machines carries in City Council. Fit-Lt. and Mrs. Kirby Herchmer with their young daughter are visiting Victoria from Edmonton. Mrs. C. H. Pelly is new president of the P.P.C.L.I. women's auxiliary. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander, 1718 Cook Street, celebrate golden wedding anniversary. Wearing St. John Ambulance uniform Vervan Yarrow launches transport ferry at Yarrow's. Reeve W. L. Woodhouse is returned by acclamation in Oak Bay. Elected to position of reeve in Esquimalt and Saanich, respectively, are Thomas Hadfield and F. C. Warren. Lt.-Col. C. H. Neroutsos, D.S.O., former officer commanding the Calgary Tank Regiment, back in Victoria to visit his parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. D. Neroutsos. He will resume civilian duties with International Paint Co., Montreal. A leg injury has made him unfit for further military duty.

F. E. WINSLOW announces purchase of Union Building by Royal Trust Co. They will not occupy new premises until after the war. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ridout celebrate golden wedding anniversary Christmas Day. Dan McGowan is new boys' work secretary at the "V," succeeding A. O. Morrison who is going to Kelowna as community councillor. Lieut. Kenneth Willis, R.C.N.V.R., is spending Christmas leave with his wife and daughter at the Windsor Auto Court. After a term of sea duty he is instructing at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis. First Victoria soldiers home for 30 days' leave are Bdr. H. N. Hatcher, R.C.A.; Sgt. W. S. Patterson, R.C.A.S.C.; Gnr.

L. Foster, R.C.A.; BSM. K. F. Buxton, R.C.A.; Lt. W. G. Favett; Sgt. J. L. Renne, P.P.C.L.I.; Capt. C. F. C. McNeil, Capt. H. Richard, Maj. F. H. Bonnell, Capt. W. Reid, Capt. D. Fraser and Pte. A. Anderson.

MR. and Mrs. John Thomas Adams, 340 Gorge Road, celebrate golden wedding anniversary. City Council honors Mayor Andrew McEwen and Alderman Archie Willis, W. L. Morgan and Margaret Christie at presentation ceremony on their retirement. Mayor McEwen receives a Cogswell chair and smoking cabinet, Ald. Willis, who retired undefeated, and Ald. Morgan, engraved silver trays and silver water pitchers, and Mrs. Christie a blue flower bowl and table mirror. C.P.R. cancels 17th annual Empress golf tournament. J. K. Hodges, manager of the Empress Hotel, says: "We have been operating under difficult circumstances and find it impossible to continue in 1945." Premier John Hart announces choice of MacMillan Park as the name to be given to Cathedral Grove stand donated to the province by H. R. MacMillan interests.

ENGAGED are Sub-Lt. Margaret Ruth Sullivan, W.R.C.N.S., and Lieut. Eric Gaskell, R.C.N.V.R.; Margery May Boone and LAC. James Willis Jenkins, R.C.A.F.; Caroline Grace Jennison and Sig. W. Bond, R.C.N.; V.A.D. Agnes Jean Morrison, R.C.A.M.C., and Lieut. Frederick Wesley Jones, C.A.F.; Marian Thora McNeely and S. Sgt. Christopher F. Mann.

BIRTHS announced last week include to PO. and Mrs. J. S. Cox, a son; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Francis, a son; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gregory, a daughter; Ldg. Writer and Mrs. R. J. McConnell, a daughter; Ldg. Writer and Mrs. Edwin MacKay, a daughter; Writer and Mrs. R. W. Young, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. W. Plater, a son; SL and Mrs. D. A. Perley, a son.

NEWLYWEDS include Ira Robinson and William James McDowell, Elsie Thompson and Cpl. John Nairn Bond, R.C.A.F.; Joan Margaret Hamilton and Henry Paul Smith; Evelyn Catherine Litt and Sgt. Pilot Philip Frederick Armstrong; Molly Holmes and Norman Morris Arnold; Gloria Kathleen Horsford and Sgt. Gordon Stevenson, R.C.A.

### Back From Exile



Matrice Thorez, long-exiled secretary-general of the French Communist Party, returned recently from Moscow and is pictured as he urged his fellow countrymen from a U.S. flag-bedecked platform at a Communist rally in Paris to "first win the war" before promoting the party.

### Her Majesty Inspecting Members of the N.F.S.



Her Majesty the Queen is seen talking to women motorcyclists of the National Fire Service during an inspection of women members of the N.F.S. at their headquarters in Lambeth, in the southeast part of London.

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LONDON—Christmas coming on a Monday means Londoners will have their longest official holiday since this war started. The Labor Ministry plans to give workers four workless days from Dec. 23 to Boxing Day, Dec. 26, inclusive.

DURHAM—Divorce petitions are so numerous that according to a judge hearing some of them here "very soon there will be more divorced people than married people in this country." So far this year more than 10,000 divorces have been granted.

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George Pharmacy, E 7702  
Hillside Pharmacy, G 1632  
Jubilee Pharmacy, E 8911  
Modern Pharmacy, E 1191  
Merryfield & Dack, G 3332  
J. A. Peasey, E 2411  
Terry's (1939) Ltd., E 7187  
Williams' Pharmacy, G 3841

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You'll be surprised how quickly and easily you can soothe a bad winter cough when you try this well known recipe. It gives you four times as much cough medicine for your money and you'll find it very pleasant and dependable for real relief. Make a syrup by stirring 2 cups of granulated sugar and one cup of water a few moments until dissolved. No cooking needed—no trouble at all. Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey instead of sugar syrup. Then put 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (obtained

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### Boy Jumps On Lion; Rescued By Keepers

MANCHESTER, Eng. (CP-Reuters)—Handful of hair from a lion's mane and a torn pair of trousers are the souvenirs of 15-year-old John Robinson's attempt to wrestle with a chained lion at a circus here Christmas Day.

As Ellen Harvey was about to start her wrestling act with "Mushie," a five-year-old lion, Robinson darted into the ring and jumped on the lion's back.

The lion pulled the lad to the floor as the audience screamed and the boy's horror-stricken parents looked on.

Miss Harvey and her father, the trainer, tugged at the animal's neck and body to get him off the boy, but it was some time before they were able to release him. The lad's only injury was a lacerated leg.

Louis Montobbio, 75, who suffered a fractured leg when he fell at his cabin near C.N.R. roundhouse Saturday and who was taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital by city police, was reported today to be recovering.

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## C.N.R. Completes Its Greatest Year Makes Plans for Postwar Period



R. C. VAUGHAN  
President of C.N.R. . . . "Working out a blueprint for peace."

Canada's largest industry, the Canadian National Railways, is completing the greatest year in its history, R. C. Vaughan, president, states in his annual report. He points with pride to what the C.N.R. has accomplished, and to its continuous research to have a program of reconstruction and re-establishment ready when the war ends, he envisions new types of equipment which will enable the railways to meet competition from other types of equipment, and he mentions the growing costs of operation due to wage awards and cost of living bonuses.

"In the fifth full year of war, which brought with it the invasion and liberation of much of Nazi-occupied Europe, which saw the Soviet advance continuing triumphantly and saw, in the Pacific, new and severe blows against Japan, the Allied Nations made long strides toward victory," says Mr. Vaughan. "On the home front in Canada, the people continued to meet the demands of their war effort with that vigor and resourcefulness which have won them an honored place among the nations. Their magnificent support of the Seventh Victory Loan in November was but one example of their energy and seriousness."

"Another was the year's record of the Canadian National Railways system. As the largest single industry in Canada and one of the most important instruments of war, the Canadian National may be taken as a gauge of the country's activities as a whole. In 1944, we continued to use to the utmost all our resources, both manpower and material, in the service of the nation and a review of the year's traffic reveals the magnitude of the work which has been accomplished."

### TREMENDOUS INCREASE

"The National system is carrying twice as much freight as in the years before the war, and nearly four times as many passengers. When it is remembered that we are handling this unprecedented volume of traffic without adding greatly to our equipment, I think we are justified in the pride we take in our accomplishment. In spite of the strain on our resources, in spite of handicaps, there has been no deterioration in service, as compared with other public services and with railways in the other countries affected by the war. Some inconveniences have been unavoidable, but these are at a minimum and are vigorously examined with a view to correction."

"The ability of the Canadian National to meet the heavy de-

mands made upon it and to do the tremendous job while maintaining its standard of service is due to a number of factors. Over the years, the railway industry has not stood still. It has developed in efficiency and flexibility, continuously seeking to improve both its equipment and its methods. The Canadian National has been well to the front in these developments, and when the war came we were able to take advantage of them, to practice an economy in material and effort which enables us to make the fullest possible use of available equipment and supplies. At all times, we have had the loyal and efficient co-operation of our staffs, and we owe a real debt of gratitude to the shipping and traveling public. The active co-operation of the shippers has made it possible to take on heavier loads in our cars and to avoid unduly long delays in loading and unloading. The assistance of the Transport Controller and his staff and the admirable response of the public to his appeals, and ours has brought about a better distribution, in so far as the time factor is concerned, of passenger traffic."

"It is estimated that 82,000,000 tons of revenue freight were handled in 1944 as compared with 80,427,000 tons in 1943, an increase of 2 per cent. The number of passengers carried in 1944 was 36,000,000, as compared with 34,501,000, an increase of 4 per cent."

"Gross revenues for 1944 will be on a level with 1943, although with heavy increased expense due to wage increases and a rise in the cost of materials, the net revenue is not as great as it was in 1943. The system is still in a position to turn over a cash surplus to the federal treasury after the payment of interest due to the public and the government."

"The cost of living bonus and increases in basic wage rates following National War Labor Board awards since the beginning of the war, including the award of last August, granting still further increases, some of which were made retroactive, adds approximately \$40,000,000 to our payroll as compared with 1939. In addition, materials have cost us over \$20,000,000 more in 1944, as compared with 1939 prices."

"Realizing that serious economic repercussions might result, no application has been made for increases in freight rates or passenger fares."

"Twenty-seven new locomotives and 10 Diesel switchers were delivered to the company during the year, and 4,762 box cars and 1,500 freight cars of other types were received. The company's property, including track and roadbed, and buildings were well maintained. All the summer hotels remained closed, but were protected against deterioration due to vacancy. The eight other hotels wholly operated by the company, continued to maintain their traditional high standards, though demands for service were great, and difficulties due to shortage of labor and materials not few. It might be interesting to mention here the importance of the function of the dining-car department with fewer cars available than in prewar years, six times as many meals were served on the ciners in 1944."

"The Canadian National Telephone graphs transmitted 8,752,000 revenue land line messages, and 518,000 revenue cables during the year, many thousands of which were for members of the armed forces at home and overseas."

"Communication between the men and women overseas and their families at home has been greatly accelerated by the trans-Atlantic service operated by our associate company, Trans-Canada Air Lines, the four-engined Lancasters making three return flights weekly between Montreal and Scotland."

"Rounding out a quarter of a century of service between Canada, Bermuda, the British West Indies, British Guiana and British

Honduras, the Canadian National Steamships continues to be an important factor in the war. It was assigned specific West Indian zones and was entrusted with the operation, in many parts of the world, of ships taken over or seized by the Canadian government. Its freighters ply the Seven Seas in the service of the United Nations. One of the West Indies liners, the Lady Nelson, is now Canada's senior hospital ship. Another, the Lady Rodney, is an army transport. Two ships formerly in the Alaska service, the Prince Henry and the Prince David, are doing duty as combined operations cruises, and the Prince Robert is an anti-aircraft cruiser. All three were given important tasks in the invasion of Europe."

"The Prince Rupert drydock and shipyard, a subsidiary of the Canadian National, carried on its program effectively during the year. To date, it has constructed four minesweepers and 11 10,000-ton freighters. Since the outbreak of war the 20,000-ton floating drydock has handled 815 ships, and repairs have been effected on 2,280 floating craft of all sizes."

"National Railways Munitions Limited, a subsidiary, and the company's own shops have continued the manufacture of naval gun barrels, field artillery carriages and field mountings."

### 'CLOSED ACCOMMODATION'

"The first concern of the Canadian National system, in all its ramifications, is the winning of the war. At the same time, we are giving close attention to the problems of reconstruction and re-establishment. Research has been made and plans prepared for our postwar program and the railways is actively co-operating with industry in working out a blueprint for peace. It is too early to go into details, but I might mention, as an example, that we have in mind new types of passenger equipment. The trend after the war will be toward what we call 'closed accommodation' in sleeping cars, to such types as cogenettes and double bedrooms. Hundreds of thousands of travellers have, through the war, learned, for the first time, the comfort and convenience of travel by night, and we shall be prepared to meet their requirements. We plan new types of coaches and improved dining facilities for travellers."

"Taking into account the expansion of the smoking habit, we have in mind enlarged facilities for smokers. The railways are alive to the fact that competition with other forms of transport will be accelerated after the war and they may be depended on to keep abreast of the times and provide the service that will insure them their fair share of the traffic."

### PROUD OF RECORDS

"Much has been demanded of the Canadian National system throughout the year, but the company and its staff have been equal to all their obligations. We are proud of the 20,000 men and women who have enlisted for active service on the war fronts, many of whom have been decorated for gallantry, many of whom have sacrificed their lives. We are proud of the activities of our personnel on the home front. In the Seventh Victory Loan, Canadian National employees broke all their records by subscribing \$13,733,350, the largest contribution by any group of employees in Canada. In the seven loans, subscriptions by our employees aggregated \$49,785,250. With the company's purchases of bonds, which are still being held by the system, the grand total is \$140,342,150. Canadian National men and women are blood donors, active members of the many groups organized for the welfare of troops and their families, and generous supporters of all the public appeals."

"Above all, they are conscious of the vital importance of the job they have on hand as transportation workers. They are demonstrating in their daily round the loyal desire to do it to the utmost of their ability and to co-operate with others. It is this esprit de corps that has enabled the Canadian National Railways to acquit itself with honor. It is this spirit that will carry the system through the last phases of the war to victory and to the responsibilities of peace."

### Stockyards Eased

TORONTO (CP)—F. C. Fletcher, general manager of the Toronto Union Stockyards, said today the cattle glut at the yards has become a thing of the past and it is not anticipated that further embargoes will be necessary in the immediate future.

"There was a carryover of exactly 13 head of cattle on Christmas," he said. "This is normal for the time of year, but it is surprising in view of the heavy glut of cattle during the fall."

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## Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

NOW THAT two separate interests are in the field to secure a Victoria franchise in the Western International Baseball League, it looks like this city stands better than an even chance, to witness the return of professional ball next summer. Announcement over the week-end by George Norgan, prominent Vancouver sportsman, and holder of the controlling interest in the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League, that he was willing to provide the financial backing for a W.I.L. entry in this city augurs well for the baseball future of Victoria. A few weeks ago Clint Hodges of this city made application for a franchise at a meeting of the league in Tacoma. No definite action was taken on his application as it was not known whether or not the league will operate.

AT A MEETING to be held in Tacoma next month, a definite decision will be made as to whether or not the W.I.L. will resume operations next season. No doubt the recent announcement by the war mobilization board at Washington regarding the military status of professional athletes will have some bearing on the future plans of the minor league. However, clubs in the Coast League are solidly behind the move to have the W.I.L. re-enter the baseball fold as they are badly in need of farm teams to handle their surplus players.

SHOULD the league directors decide to award a franchise to Victoria no doubt they will determine who is to get it on the basis of finances. The applicant who can offer the soundest financial backing for the promotion of such a club will be the one to receive the support of the league. Hodges made the first application for the franchise but to get it he will certainly have to match any proposition made by Norgan.

WITH THE Portland Beavers providing a Victoria team with its player surplus a Norgan-backed entry would be sitting pretty. Norgan's interest in sport is well known here, through his activities in promoting golf exhibitions. Nearly all the name golfers who have appeared in the Pacific Northwest in recent years have come up this way as the result of Norgan lending a helping hand in a financial way. Many times he has agreed to underwrite such exhibitions in Vancouver when it would have been impossible to secure such high-salaried United States pros on a take-a-chance proposition.

WITH SUCH a personality as Coley Hall, handling the club here, Victoria would be certain of having a colorful manager. For years Hall proved a tremendous drawing power for baseball in Vancouver by his belligerent manner. Many people went to the ball park just to see Hall in action. His arguments with the umpires were always a treat. There is no reason to believe he would be any different managing a pro team. If anything he would even more of an umpire baiter. And that makes baseball color.

### WIN FOR PALMER

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (CP)—Phil Palmer, 141½, Vancouver, B.C., won a split decision over Vince Lasalva, 144½, Mount Vernon, N.Y., in an eight-round boxing bout here Tuesday night.

### COAST-SKATING MEET

SEATTLE (AP)—The Pacific coast figure skating championships for 1945 will be held in the Seattle ice arena Feb. 14 to 17. Clarence Hislop, arena instructor, announced Tuesday.

## Robinson's Win First Half Honors In Table Tennis

Robinson's Grocery continue to lead the first division of the Victoria and District Table Tennis League, defeating the Giants, 21 to 15, to complete the opening half of the 1944-45 season with a mark of six victories and one defeat, for 12 points. The leaders won their last six matches, mostly by close margins. After dropping the opener to the powerful Hudson's Bay team. Members of Robinson's are Win Robinson, Ruth Payne, Billy McGregor and Doug Southern. A star junior, Southern played his first senior section games in November, and has fared well against the city's outstanding players.

Tommy Tuckers and Hudson's Bay remain tied for second place, each winning five and losing two matches, for 10 points. Club champion Ray Dawson was the star for the Cafemen, boasting the individual record of 53 games won out of a possible 56. Joy Payne showed consistent improvement to take over third place among the girls. For the Bay, Vic Tully was outstanding. The former city champion has turned in his best league season to date. Dick Lowe, leading player in last year's second section, fared well in senior competition to place eighth in the individual averages.

Defending league champions, the Chinese Students, finished the first half in fourth position, one point behind Tommy Tuckers and the Bays. Chinese won four, lost two, and drew with MacDonald's for nine points. Feature of the Chinese performance was the smart play of Art Neal, 14-year-old junior, who won 32 of his 56 games. George Lowe, western Canada titleholder, ranked third in the individual averages with 30 games won out of 56.

### GIANTS FIFTH

The Giants, captained by Keith Olson, held their single point lead over the strong MacDonald's team, for fifth place, with seven points against six. Duntz Head turned in many good performances in winning one match in seven for seventh place. The Army lads showed improvement each match, and should finish higher in the second half. Cubs will be strengthened by Stu Reid, leading player of the Slashes, junior division leaders, for the second half.

Team	W	L	D	Pts
Robinson's Grocery	6	0	0	12
Tommy Tuckers	5	2	0	10
Hudson's Bay Co.	5	2	0	10
Chinese Students	4	2	0	8
Giants	4	2	0	8
MacDonald's	3	3	0	6
Duntz Head	1	6	0	2
Cubs	1	6	0	2

Opening matches of the second half will be played Jan. 8, with Giants playing Hudson's Bay, Chinese meeting Tommy Tuckers, MacDonald's playing Duntz Head, and Cubs battling Robinson's Grocery.

## West's Battle V.M.D. Eleven Saturday

First division footballers will get back to league competition Saturday afternoon, when Victoria West, first half champions, oppose Victoria Machinery Depot at the Athletic Park, starting at 3. West won the first half by a three-point margin over the Nainimo with the V.M.D. third, five points back. However, the shipbuilders had two games still to play against the Army that were washed out. The Army entry will not participate in the second half of the league owing to the loss of majority of its players.

In two league meetings to date between the Wests and V.M.D. the former have come out on the right end of the score, with the shipbuilders capturing a benefit match a couple of weeks ago. Wests will be forced to take the field Saturday without the service.

### They'll Do It Every Time



MASSIVE RACING TROPHY—Doris Peterson, Goose Girl of Infield, exhibits fine trophy which went to owner of Happy Issue, winner of first running of \$75,000 Hollywood Park Gold Cup. The California track recently closed out a successful meeting.

### Major Hockey Scoring

## Cowley Pushes Blake

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadians' Toe Blake, who has been around the National Hockey League longer than he likes to think about, is still clinging to his leadership among the league's point-getters despite the efforts of another veteran to resume his place at the top.

The N.H.L.'s weekly official lists today showed Blake still holding a one-point margin on Boston's Bill Cowley with Syd Howe of Detroit and Elmer Lach locked for third spot.

Maurice (Rocket) Richard, Canadiens' dynamic winger, is the leading goal scorer with 19, which combined with 6 assists gives him 25 points and fifth position. Cowley is tops in assists with 22.

Pete Horeck of Chicago is the league "bad man" with 24 min. utes spent in the penalty box.

Player	G	A	Pts
Blake, Canadiens	15	19	34
Cowley, Boston	11	22	33
Howe, Detroit	1	19	20
Lach, Montreal	2	18	20
Richard, Canadiens	19	6	25
C. Smith, Chicago	12	17	29
Bruneteau, Detroit	12	16	28
Cain, Boston	14	8	22
Slocum, Chicago	12	9	21
Rodnar, Toronto	4	18	22
Holmes, Detroit	12	9	21
Jennings, Boston	11	10	21
Swanberg, Rangers	11	10	21
R. Smith, Boston	11	10	21
Wochy, Detroit	11	8	19
Carr, Toronto	8	10	18
Schneider, Toronto	11	6	17
Forbes, Canadiens	10	6	16
Melt, Toronto	10	6	16
Carver, Detroit	8	11	19
O'Connor, Canadiens	4	15	19
Stouffer, Toronto	11	8	19
Davidson, Toronto	7	15	22
Armstrong, Detroit	9	11	20
Goldup, Rangers	4	11	15
Bouchard, Canadiens	2	12	14
Crawford, Boston	3	12	15
Thurier, Rangers	8	6	14
Selby, Chicago	12	2	24
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Scoring leaders follow:

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### MAXIE BERGER WINS

NEW YORK (CP)—Maxie Berger of Montreal easily won the decision over Ernie (Cat) Robinson, Jamaica, N.Y., in an eight-round boxing bout at the Broadway Arena in Brooklyn Tuesday night. Berger, weighed 148½, Robinson 149½.

ices of their sterling centre half, Roy Barnes, who has hung up his togs after suffering an ankle injury.

## World's Greatest Golf Club Postwar Plan for London

By ALLAN NICKLESON

LONDON (CP)—Plans set afoot in London call for the "world's greatest golf club" to be situated here after the war. It will be known as the Royal Golfers' Club and negotiations towards purchasing a West End hotel are in process.

Golfing peers and other distinguished British players interested in the plan hope to make the club a home for visiting teams and individual players coming from abroad to compete in championships and tournaments in this country.

Both men and women will be admitted as members and there will be no social bar. In addition to the plan for the hotel, which would not only have bedrooms but extensive dining and lounge accommodation, it is probable that members will have their own golf course near London. The Huntercombe Club, near Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire, likely will be selected.

### PIGEONS QUIT WAR

Thousands of carrier pigeons (and this no doubt will interest that hockey coach and pigeon fancier, Dick Irvin) since inception of the Home Guard has been undergoing weekly training at battalion lodges in various parts of Britain, "stood down" with the Home Guard Dec. 3.

One of the loft owners is Gordon Richards, Britain's perennial pigeon champion, who is a keen pigeon fancier. The loft in his garden at Swindon holds 30 birds, which, for the last three years, have made regular flights every Sunday. The pigeons made the journey from Marlborough to Swindon, a distance of 10 miles, in about 30 minutes.

Four men, convicted of conspiring to administer a drug to a racing greyhound at a Gloucester track, received sentences varying from six months' hard labor to 14 days in jail. Alex Halning, a 72 former international curler who played for England against Scotland and Canada, died at Huddersfield.

FO. R. R. Smart, D.F.C., cricket, rugby and field hockey player and an international cap pigeon shot, was announced as presumed to have been killed in action. He was reported missing last January during an intruder patrol in a cannon-carrying Mosquito.

FRANCE WINS SOCCER PARIS (CP)—France defeated Belgium 3 to 1 Tuesday in the first soccer game between the two countries since their liberation.

France's victory was a notable one as the Belgians turned out the same team which last week beat a strong combined British services' side.

## Forecast Racing To Continue In Canada

By SYD THOMAS

TORONTO (CP)—Followers of the gee-gees in Canada are going around chewing their fingernails these days, wondering if the Dominion government will crack down on horse racing like the U.S. government has. It's a hot and urgent question right now, but the chances are all against anything similar happening here.

In the first place, racing isn't such a big business this side of the border—although it is growing all the time, as shown by betting figures for the summer just ended. The gallopers kick up the dust for only a few months each summer, unlike the situation in the U.S. where wild-eyed bettors can lose the month's grocery money at practically any season of the year you can name.

The transportation problem isn't so serious either, since most of the tracks are close to the centres of the cities where they are located, and not miles in the country. Federal transit controllers already have looked after that angle, either by regulating transportation facilities or forcing the tracks to close.

For instance, Thorncliffe and Long Branch tracks in the Toronto area were closed because of limited travel facilities, and their meets transferred to Woodbine and Dufferin, respectively.

When transportation facilities were limited in Vancouver, the canny trackmen fixed that by arranging to carry the fans to the nags by horse-drawn conveyances. The Vancouver hayride came into popularity as a result, netting some pretty publicity for the gentlemen directly affected.

Manpower isn't so much of a problem with Canadian tracks either, although there may be a surplus when all those Canadian jockeys, trainers, and so on, now operating south of the border, come back.

What might prove a knottier problem if it crept into Canada is that of the reclassification of all athletes in professional sports. There may be a hue and cry to have that duplicated in Canada, but the National Hockey League seems to have provided very nicely for that—whether wittingly or unwittingly.

The N.H.L. rule passed last summer barring all players who can't show military discharge or rejection papers if they are in the required age groups, allows a very good loophole if any stone-lifting is attempted by would-be reformers.

## Leafs Offer \$85,000 For Name Players

By ALLAN NICKLESON

Paul Bibeault, seasoned goaltender who made his professional debut with Montreal Canadiens several years ago after climaxing a brilliant amateur career with Quebec Aces, is no longer a sub-goalie. Last night the tall net-minder left Montreal for Boston to finish the season with the fourth-place Bruins.

Bibeault, discharged from the army last year, was carried as a spare by Canadiens this season despite offers for his services from Chicago Black Hawks and Toronto Maple Leafs. Leafs used the Habitant puck stopper for part of last season, but he was back in Montreal this fall as one of Tommy Gorman's three-man-goalie reserve.

Meanwhile, Maj. Conny Smythe, managing director of the Toronto team, threw a bombshell into the hockey picture when he said Leafs were offering \$25,000 for Maurice (Rocket) Richard, \$30,000 for Milt Schmidt, Boston kraut-liner now overseas in the Canadian army; and \$30,000 to the struggling Rangers for Neil Colville in the R.C.A.F. at present.

The offer for Richard was accompanied by a \$1,000 reward to anyone—newspapermen included—who can swing the deal for the high-scoring Canuck who is touted as a second Howie Morenz. Happy Day's only comment was: "I am far from satisfied" (with Leafs).

Day reported that rookie Frank McCool—the hockey-playing sports writer—suffered a broken bone in his left hand at Detroit Monday night. But McCool will be in the nets tonight when Leafs tackle Rangers at Madison Square Garden in the only scheduled game.

## Swim Trophies At Stake Friday Night

Members of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club will compete for four trophies at the Crystal Garden Friday evening. Senior women will go after the Hyslop Cup, while girls under 14 will seek the Armstrong Cup. Boys and girls under 16 will compete in two events for separate trophies donated by the executive of the club.

Contestants are requested to be at the pool by 7. W. T. Stanyon will act as starter.

### SASKATOON HOCKEY

SASKATOON (CP)—Saskatoon Falcons scored their first victory of the season in the Northern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League when they defeated Saskatoon Lions 7 to 3 here Tuesday.

Ed Wallington, with three, and Bob Daves and Ross Espheter with a pair each were the goal-getters for Falcons. Burgess, Hoppe and Condon scored for Lions.

## Hockey Standings

N.H.L.	Goals
W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
Canadiens	14 4 2 74 47 30
Detroit	13 5 3 102 62 29
Toronto	10 8 2 74 68 22
Boston	8 11 1 85 94 17
Rangers	3 11 5 60 92 11
Chicago	3 11 3 56 82 9

## Jockey Young Has Field Day With Three Long Shots

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The veteran jockey Sterling Young guided two "longshots"—\$219.20 and \$154.70—to victory in successive races at Tropical Park Tuesday after warming up by scoring on a disqualification.

A crowd of 5,543 bet \$432,631 on the nine races run on the second day of an abbreviated meeting which Tropical decided to squeeze in before the government ban on racing becomes effective Jan. 3.

Young started his victory parade in the fourth race when his mount, Good Show, was given first place by the stewards who ruled that Almorad, ridden by Eddie Arevalo, was guilty of interference. Good Show was second by a head at the finish. The horse paid \$104.00.

In the seventh race, a mile and a sixteenth affair, Young got Docdonough, a three-year-old chestnut gelding, home in a thrilling stretch drive.

Docdonough paid \$219.20, \$15.20 and \$15.80 across the board. The favored Broad Grin was second and Albuldo third.

A hunch on Young at this point would have been worth \$154.70 for \$2, for in the eighth race, at a mile and 70 yards, Young won a nose victory astride Smoke Puff, also a three-year-old gelding. Assailant was second and Darby Dimout third.

Other longshots which won yesterday were Swords, \$26.30, in the first race and Canlam, \$72.10 in the fifth.

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## WAR OR NO WAR

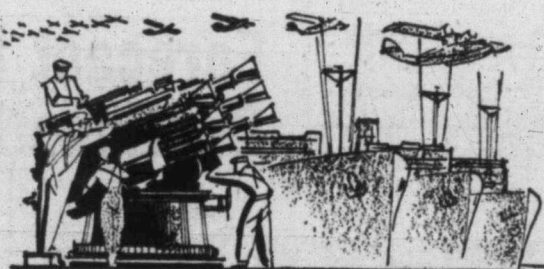
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**THIRD**—Because of the scarcities of manpower and materials, this Company like any other organization engaged largely in war work, has not been able to go ahead with the expansion and reconstruction it would have normally undertaken.

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As regards the **THIRD**, renewal and expansion of facilities, every department of the B. C. Electric has ready its plans in preparation for the day when they can be carried out. These plans cover a period of about ten years from the end of the European war and expenditures totalling approximately \$50,000,000.

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tion, only awaits the lifting of wartime restrictions and the availability of manpower and materials. These post-war plans include the most modern types of street cars and buses that science and engineering have made available. These things British Columbia will enjoy in increasing abundance within the next few years.

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## Salvation Army Entertains Services

Nearly 400 members of the navy, army and air force swung into three and a half hours of rollicking gaiety at the annual Christmas party held Tuesday evening at the Salvation Army Red Shield Three Services centre.

Cheery Christmas carols started the evening for the servicemen, followed by a concert, including a magician's act, singers, dancing and a comic act. The Red Shield's concert orchestra provided the music.

A quiz contest came next and quick-witted servicemen beat their opponents to win various prizes given by the centre. Gaily-colored flags backed the large stage on which the contestants were seated, while a brilliantly-lit and tinsel-hung Christmas tree surveyed the happy scene.

On a table, ornamented with silver candlesticks bearing flickering red tapers, lay succulent heaps of refreshments provided by the ladies' auxiliary, and including practically every good thing to eat a serviceman might dream about.

Servicemen gazed on a 14-pound 12-ounce Christmas cake donated by Government House and tried to guess its fruit-laden weight. Prizes went to two who came nearest to the actual weight, after which slices of the cake were distributed.

Maj. C. J. Milley is the Salvation Army officer in charge of the centre, and is assisted by Mrs. Arthur Carrington.

Walter Du Russel was master of ceremonies. Frank Humphrey was concert master.

Taking part in the concert were: Carl Strable, magician; Miss Louise Leask, soprano; Art Stringer, baritone; Yvonne Simpson, solo dancer; Sgt. Maj. Townsend, accordion solo; Flynn Davey, violin solo, and George

Green, trumpet solo. Dancing pupils of Betty Clair also took part in the concert. Arthur Carrington and Bill Waller put on a comic act, accompanied by Trevor Lee at the piano. Mrs. G. H. E. Green and Miss May Hicks were accompanists for the concert.

President of the ladies' auxiliary is Mrs. M. F. Driscoll. Mrs. R. H. Turner convened the refreshments.

## G. Neill, 47 Years With Bureau, Retires

George Neill, for 47 years connected with the government printing department, will retire at the end of this month. It was learned today at the Parliament Buildings.

Mr. Neill joined the King's Printer staff July 1, 1898, when the printing bureau was housed in a tin building on Menzies Street. The next year he moved with the department into the new office in the main west block of the Parliament Buildings, which were then new. Some years ago he again transferred, to the present printing bureau on Government and Superior Streets.

Since 1934 Mr. Neill has been foreman of the pressroom. He has served under three King's Printers—Col. Richard Wolfenden, W. H. Cullen and the present King's Printer, C. F. Balfour.

Only one other employee of the government printing bureau has had a long service record to equal that of Mr. Neill. W. W. W. Baines, when he retired some years ago had been with the bureau 49 years and 11 months.

## Attic, Roof Damaged

Christmas decorations ignited by an electric light globe started a fire which did some damage to the attic and roof of a home at 1033 North Park Street Tuesday afternoon. City firemen extinguished the blaze.

Tuesday evening city firemen responded to calls to 55 Boyd Street where a blaze caused by a short circuit caused no property damage and to 926 Fort Street where wiring in a motor caught fire.

## Pharmacy Examiners Named By Gov't

Board of examiners under the Pharmacy Act has been appointed by provincial government order-in-council for 1945, as follows:

William W. McGill, Victoria, examiner in dispensing and prescriptions; John Edwin Smith, Victoria, examiner in materia medica; Bernard Gough, B.Sc., Victoria, examiner in chemistry and pharmacy; John Davidson, F.L.S., F.B.S.C.E., Vancouver, associate professor, U.B.C. department of botany, examiner in botany.

Under the Engineering Profession Act, order-in-council appoints the following members of the council of the Association of Professional Engineers:

T. H. Crosby, B.A.Sc., Vancouver; G. C. Lipsy, B.A.Sc., M.C.I.M., Britannia Beach; Prof. F. A. Forward, B.A.Sc., M.C.I.M., associate professor U.B.C. department of metallurgy; R. A. McLachlan, S.B., North Vancouver.

## 1945 Assize Dates Set By Government

Provincial government order-in-council has set the following dates for next year's Assize courts throughout the province:

Winter assize, Vancouver, Jan. 15.

Spring assize, Nanaimo, April 2; Victoria, May 1; New Westminster, April 16; Vancouver, May 21; Prince Rupert, May 28; Prince George, June 4; Williams Lake, June 7; Revelstoke, May 4; Kamloops, May 5; Nelson, May 14; Fernie, May 18.

Fall assize, Nanaimo, Oct. 15; Vancouver, Sept. 10; Victoria, Nov. 5; Revelstoke, Nov. 2; Kamloops, Nov. 3; Nelson, Nov. 12; Cranbrook, Nov. 16; New Westminster, Nov. 19; Prince Rupert, Sept. 17; Prince George, Sept. 24; Quesnel, Sept. 27.

Victoria's 1944 school board will hold its final meeting of the year at 5, Thursday evening. Minutes will be passed, reports signed and farewells made to those retiring from the board.

## Capt. A. R. Webster, Home From Italy, Plans for Session

Capt. A. R. Webster, B.C. Legislative sergeant-at-arms, returned to his office in the Parliament Buildings from Italy today, after a long voyage and much work, all of it in vain.

When he left here in mid-summer, as Dominion election returning officer for Canadian troops in Italy, Sardinia, Corsica, Malta and Gibraltar, it was expected there would have been an election called before the end of the year.

Returning officers sent to France and Great Britain have also returned to Canada. Officers to the overseas forces will again be appointed when the Dominion election approaches.

Capt. Webster made his headquarters in Rome, where he attended a papal audience in Vatican City. He visited Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica and Malta, and went as far as the front in Italy as he was allowed.

"I was right up until I got chased back by an officer," he said.

A veteran of the 1914-18 War, Capt. Webster flew from Montreal to Rome via the Azores and Algiers. He returned by U.S. steamer from Naples to New York, having left Rome Nov. 28.

At the Buildings today Capt. Webster commenced plans for the forthcoming session of the Legislature, expected to open in about five weeks.

## Typewriter, Tables Stolen From Store

Smashing a rear window and undoing the lock, thieves gained entrance to Champion's Ltd. furniture store, 717 Fort Street, and removed a \$80 typewriter and six coffee tables, valued at between \$20 and \$30 each.

The theft was discovered when the store was opened this morning. Detective F. Woodburn investigated for city police.

A \$100 bill which Sue Singh, Eastern Hotel, 550 Johnson Street, had reported snatched from his hand by another Chinese, was returned to him Tuesday night, city police said.

## Cyclist Hurt By Car

Peter Sullivan, 815 North Park Street, was taken home and advised to see a physician after a collision on Herald Street at 8:05 today of his bicycle and a car driven by Joseph E. P. Marcotte, 570 Yates Street. City Police said Sullivan was riding east on Herald Street and the car was proceeding west and swinging into Douglas Tire Service driveway.

A. R. Berg, Burnaby, told police that while driving east on Gorge Road an unidentified car crashed into the rear of his auto doing an estimated \$15 damage.

Oak Bay Council will be sworn in for 1945 at the Court House Friday morning at 10:30.

## Pinball By-law First for 1945

First legislation prepared for the 1945 City Council will be the by-law banning coin-operated pinball machines, F. L. Shaw, city solicitor, said today.

The by-law, he indicated, will be submitted for first reading at the opening meeting next week. Passage of the by-law, in addition to ending legal operation of the machines, will eliminate revenue amounting to \$2,400 on the basis of this year's collections. During the year 40 machines have been in use. A license of \$30 each six months was charged on each. In earlier years, license collections from that source ran between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Question over the application of the proposed new ban to coin-operated gramophones will be considered. At present no license is charged on juke boxes, but, if they are permitted to continue, argument will probably be submitted supporting a license fee for that type of entertainment.

## Douglas Pre-Primary Will Open Shortly

According to present plans, Sir James Douglas pre-primary classes will open in the second or third week of January, it was learned at the city school board office today.

To date 45 registrations have been received from parents who wish to send their children to that centre. Applications from those who plan to enroll at Oaklands now stand at 59.

The ideal class would call for an enrollment of approximately 50 at each centre, with groups divided in two, one of 25 in the morning and another of 25 in the afternoon.

To be accepted children must be five years old by Jan. 1.

## In Police Court

Pleading guilty of smashing a window at the Cunningham Drug Store, 1300 Douglas Street, last Saturday evening, William George Hamm was fined \$15 and ordered to pay \$11 damages. Constable Richard Berry said he arrested Hamm when he saw him put his foot through the swinging door.

A pair of Indians, arrested at 1:45 last Sunday morning by Constable Carl Carlson on drunkenness charges, forfeited \$10 bail each when they failed to appear today.

Parking fines totaling \$17.50 were paid by seven motorists.

## Town Topics

Boys attending the midwinter Wiener roast of the Boys' Department of the Y.M.C.A., are asked by Archie Morrison, boys' work secretary, to meet at the Y.M.C.A. building at 10, Thursday morning. Instead of Willows Park, as it is possible the location of the event may be changed.

Reeve and councillors of Saanich municipality will be sworn in at the first council meeting of 1945 which will be held next Tuesday, Wilfred Greene, clerk, announced today. Only newcomer will be William B. White, taking over councillorship for Ward Seven from Councillor K. W. Richmond, who did not run in this year's elections.

## Russian Press Lauds New Hungary Group

MOSCOW (AP)—The Russian press, commenting on Hungary's political reconstruction behind Red Army lines, praised the government of Col. Gen. Bela Miklos today as founded on the principles of democracy.

An international review in Red Star by commentator Konstantin Hoffman said the cabinet named by the provisional Hungarian Assembly at Debrecen included prominent military, scientific and political figures.

## Canadian Advance Fans Out Following Capture of Rossetta

ROME (CP)—Canadian units of the British 8th Army today were reported fanning out north-east of newly-won Rossetta in the direction of Alfonsine, 7½ miles north-northeast of captured Bagr. cavallo, clearing out fortified buildings.

Other 8th Army troops were advancing in the same manner in the areas about Bagr. cavallo and Faenza, but the Adriatic front was reported generally quiet. Today's official communique mentioned only patrol activity.

To the west, near Italy's Tyrrhenian coast, a strong German counterattack forced Allied 11th Army forces to withdraw from advanced outposts in the Serchio River valley.

Today's German communique said German and Fascist Italian troops, in a surprise attack in the Galliano area, "broke through American positions and threw back a formation of the 92nd American infantry division."

The Brazilian Expeditionary Force has been in operation along that sector of the 3th army front.

## SHARP FIGHTING

It was announced here that the withdrawals were made only after bitter fighting, but no details were immediately available.

The German air force struck again Tuesday when anti-personnel bombs were dropped north of San Benedetto, immediately south of Bologna, and around Grizzana, to the southwest.

Allied fighters, fighter-bombers and light bombers flew 1,000 missions against the German ground forces in Italy.

Canadian, British and New Zealand troops of the 8th Army were reported Tuesday night advancing toward the Senio River line after the Canadians seized hotly-contested Rossetta, 10 miles northwest of Ravenna.

## U.S. Subs Sink Big Jap Carrier, 26 Other Ships

WASHINGTON (AP)—Destruction of a large Japanese aircraft carrier, six additional enemy warships and 20 other Japanese vessels by U.S. submarines was reported by the Navy Department today.

Few details were given on the sinkings in Far Eastern waters, announced by Navy Secretary James Forrestal at a news conference.

The aircraft carrier was not identified beyond the statement that it was "large." The other warships blasted by the under-sea fleet included: One converted light cruiser, a destroyer, two escort vessels and two destroyer transports. Other ships sent to the bottom by torpedoes and depth guns were two large transports, 10 medium cargo vessels, three small cargo vessels, one small transport, two medium cargo transports and two medium tankers.

These sinkings bring to 1,090 the number of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged since the U.S. entered the war. Included are 99 warships definitely sunk, 11 probably sunk and 16 damaged.

## Bracken On Flying Visit to Europe

LONDON (CP)—John Bracken, national leader of Canada's Progressive Conservative Party, arrived by air today in the United Kingdom, accompanied by Melville R. Jack, his secretary.

Mr. Bracken is expected in London Thursday. The political leader and Mr. Jack plan to join Col. Alfred Brooks, Progressive Conservative member for Royal, N.B., and R. K. Finlayson of Winnipeg, adviser to Mr. Bracken, in a visit to northwestern European fighting zones after a short stop in the capital.

Mr. Bracken is expected to hold discussions with different Empire leaders after his visit to the Canadian forces now engaged with the enemy in Holland. He will concentrate on plans for postwar rehabilitation.

Mr. Bracken is making his first visit to the Empire capital since 1929, when as premier of Manitoba he came to London to see what was being done in Britain in the way of social security legislation.

The loudest noise the world has ever heard is believed to have been the eruption of the volcano Krakatoa in 1883, heard 3,000 miles away.

exceeded the seasonal trend, the bureau said.

In November, 11,798 claims were filed, compared with 6,222 in October, and 2,896 in November, 1943.

## More Unemployment Insurance Paid

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## Tent Home Burns; 2 Boys Lose Lives

LLOYDMINSTER, Sask (CP) Royal Canadian Mounted Police today are investigating a fire last Friday night near Marwayne, Alta., 20 miles northwest of here, which destroyed the tent home of Alfred Desjardais and took the lives of two of his sons and severely burned him and his daughter.

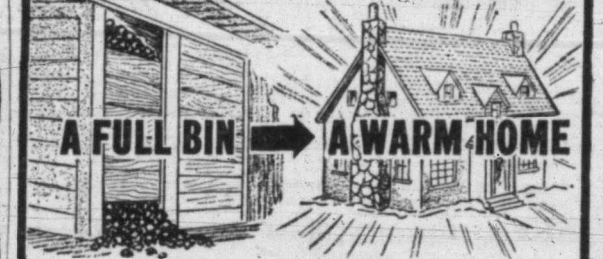
The dead: Solomon Desjardais, six, and Archie Desjardais, four. Severely burned: Alfred Desjardais, father; burns about the hands and body; Mildred Desjardais, 10, burns on the hand and arm.

The father was burned in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the boys from the blazing straw-bordered tent and Mildred was credited with saving the life of her baby brother, Ernest, 11 months.

The four children were alone when the fire broke out and police said they believe the fire started from a spark from the tent chimney. The parents were returning from a picture show in nearby Marwayne and found the tent in flames.

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## June Haver Stars In Capitol Show

Although "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," the 20th Century-Fox technicolor musical featured at the Capitol Theatre, is June Haver's first adventure into the realm of musical comedy—it is not, by a long shot, her first contact with the world of melody.

Few girls of any age, in or out of Hollywood, can boast the background that makes 18-year-old June one of the screen's most musical stars. Since she debuted as a piano prodigy at the age of seven, small-but-mighty Miss Haver has lived in a world of melody. Pianist, vocalist and composer she tops it all off with a face and figure that would win her fame if she could do nothing but just look her lovely self.

## Laurel and Hardy At the Dominion

Many feminine screen stars have attained stardom via a long and varied career on the stage or in films; others have been skyrocketed to fame via the magic formula of having been "discovered," while still others have followed an almost infallible recipe for screen stardom—they've been leading ladies in Laurel and Hardy comedies.

The latest newcomer to follow in the footsteps of such big names as Janet Gaynor, Paulette Goddard and the late Jean Harlow, is lovely Doris Merrick, 20th Century-Fox starlet, who plays the top feminine role in Laurel and Hardy's new comedy, "The Big Noise," now showing at the Dominion Theatre.

## Sporting News Names Baseball Men of Year

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The Sporting News, baseball weekly, said Tuesday it has chosen as major league baseball's leading men of the year Will DeWitt, general manager of St. Louis Browns; Luke Sewell, the Browns' manager; Martin Marlon, shortstop of St. Louis Cardinals, and Wish Egan, Detroit, baseball scout.

Leading the minor leagues were William G. Mulligan, business manager of the Seattle Pacific Coast Rainiers; Al Thomas, manager of Baltimore International Orioles, and James (Rip) Collins, first baseman-manager of Albany in the Eastern League.

## REGINA HOCKEY

REGINA (CP)—Regina Abbots moved out of the cellar position in the Southern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League for the first time in two years here Tuesday when they edged out a 4-3 win over Regina commandos.

Gordon Staseson picked off a lone third-period goal to give the Abbots the win. Other Abbots' scores were marked up by George Homenuk, Maurice Young and Ed Varga. Commando scorers were George Raymond, Jim Fairburn and Bill Pates.

## Where To Go Tonight

**ATLAS**—Van Johnson in



## Canada May Seek More Air Routes Into U.S. Under New Agreement

By JAMES J. STREIBIG  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Canada is expected to seek a larger share of the air routes connecting her and the United States, it appeared today as it was learned officials of the two countries probably will confer next month on a new agreement covering these routes.

An air services agreement between Canada and the U.S. was reached in December, 1940, and was to expire at the end of 1942. Because of the war, it was decided in March, 1943, to extend the terms of the agreement for the duration, after which a conference was to be held.

Apparently impetus resulting from the recent 54-nation aviation conference at Chicago has pushed ahead plans for new negotiations.

The original agreement divided the routes between the U.S. and Canada, with the U.S. taking Bangor, Me., to Moncton, N.B.; Buffalo, N.Y., to Toronto, any U.S. point to Windsor, Ont., and Great Falls, Mont., to Lethbridge, Alta., while Canada was given Toronto-New York and any Canadian point to Detroit. Later the U.S. began flying from Seattle, Wash., to Vancouver, B.C.; Fargo, N.D., to Winnipeg and New York to Montreal. Canada now is flying but one route into the U.S.

One of the things Canadian spokesmen seem almost certain to ask is a route to Chicago, where Canadian livestock and grain interests carry on considerable business.

### DISCUSSION IN JANUARY

OTTAWA (CP) — Revision of

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existing agreements governing air transportation between Canada and the United States will be up for discussion at a meeting between aviation officials of the two countries in January.

The meeting probably will be held in New York, and is expected to develop as soon as aircraft and manpower are available.

The existing arrangement is embodied in two documents, one providing for reciprocity of flying rights in general terms, and the other setting out what air services are to operate, and who is to operate them.

Under the first, Canada is entitled to operate as many services into the U.S. as the U.S. operates into Canada.

Under the second, there is a specification of what services are to be operated by each country.

As things stand, Canada has the most important of the existing trans-border lines, while the U.S. has all the others. In the postwar period, if not sooner, Canada will want to exercise the reciprocal rights contained in the existing agreement, and expected to be embodied in any new agreement to a greater extent.

This will probably mean that some of the new routes to be opened when practicable will be allotted to Canada.

## Heavy Overseas Mail Carried By T.C.A.

MONTREAL — Christmas for the men and women on service overseas and for prisoners of war has added to the mail loads carried by the big converted Lancasters operated across the Atlantic by Trans-Canada Air Lines. It is estimated that since the beginning of December nearly 65,000 pounds of mail have been transported—averaging 50 letters to the pound this means 3,250,000 letters.

## U.S. Forces Find Over 1,000 Allied Soldiers in German War Camp



Three of more than 1,000 Allied soldiers found in a German prisoner of war camp taken by U.S. forces at Saarguefines, France, look dejectedly through the barbed wire. The Germans, in their new drive, are claiming thousands of Allied prisoners of their own, taken in their smash forward into Belgium and Luxembourg.

### 40-Hour Work Week

TORONTO (CP) — Adoption of a 40-hour week in its Toronto plant was announced today by Lever Brothers of Canada. The company explained in a statement that the National War Labor Board had given approval to a reduction of eight hours in the work-week and payment of an efficiency bonus of 20 per cent so "take-home" earnings of employees remain unchanged.

Increased efficiency obtained through suggestions of a joint union-management committee enabled the company to demonstrate to the board that a 20 per cent reduction in labor costs could be achieved through adoption of the shorter work period, the statement said.

## With Our Servicemen Killed in Action



Sgt. M. F. Waller, P.C.L.I., was killed in action in Italy on Dec. 16, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Jessie Waller, 1055 Clare Street. His brother, R. Winter, lives at 1544 Bank Street.

Sgt. Waller was educated at Margaret Jenkins and Victoria High Schools, and was a Times carrier for three years. He was employed at the Arena gas station at the time of his enlistment. Going overseas with the 1st Canadian Division, he landed in England on New Year's Eve, 1939.



WO. Norman G. Wharf, R.C. A.P., has received promotion to that rank while a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wharf, 332 Obed Avenue. Notification of the promotion has been forwarded to the Department of External Affairs for transmission to Wharf in Germany. Reported missing in air operations May 23, he was listed as a prisoner of war some two months later. Victoria-born, he was educated at Tillicum and Mount View High Schools. A well-known athlete, he played Canadian rugby, soccer and basketball, and was a member of the Young Liberals football team. Leaving the service of the provincial Lands Department, Wharf enlisted in the 1st Bn. C.S.R. a day before war was declared, later transferring to the R.C.A.F. A younger brother, Cyril, is with the Canadians in Italy.

Lt.-Col. Frank N. Owens of Victoria and Kingston, Ont., has been made an officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Capt. James Oldfield, New Westminster Regt., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Oldfield, Norfolk Lodge, Elk Lake, commanded one of the Canadian units which threw back desperate attacks and counterattacks by German troops on the right flank of the Naville Canal bridgehead in Italy. Three times Oldfield's unit flung back

## With Our Servicemen Killed in Action

the enemy. The following day the captain's men silenced two enemy guns, destroyed one tank and got one probable. Oldfield was wounded in action earlier this year and returned to action in October. He was educated at Mount Newton High School, Victoria College, and graduated from University of B.C. in 1941 with a B.S.A. degree. In June, 1942, he enlisted in the army and after a year's post-graduate work at the university, received his commission at Gordon Head the following September. His wife lives in Vancouver.

Western Air Command announces the names of Victoria and Island airmen who have returned to Canada following service overseas, and are expected to arrive home shortly.

They include:

PO. G. E. E. Nixon, R.R. No. 3:

PO. A. H. Westinghouse, Saanichton; Sgt. J. W. Allman, 414 1/2 Skinner St.; Sgt. N. S. Johnston, Duncan; Sgt. C. C. Littlewood, R.R. No. 1, Saanichton; Sgt. P. T. Power, Port Alberni; LAC. N. C. Hutchings, 1326 Pandora Ave.; LAC. R. E. Ludbrook, 1617 Earle Ave., and LAC. Wilkin, Cuthbertland.

Gnr. George Victor Thompson has been wounded in action, according to a casualty list released by the Department of National Defence. His sister, Mrs. Margaret Banton, lives in Campbell River. His wife is living in Surrey, England.

Stoker Jack Le Quesne, R.C. N.V.R., is now home on Christmas leave after flying from his station at Windsor, Ont. He is staying with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. F. F. Le Quesne, and grandmother, Mrs. C. Ritchie, at Millstream Road, Langford.

## Japs Claim Losses To U.S. Convoy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An unconfirmed Japanese Domei news agency dispatch claimed today that Japanese naval surface craft and air units attacked a U.S. convoy off the west coast of Mindoro, Philippine Islands, Tuesday night and "sank or damaged" four fully loaded American transports and "destroyed" two torpedo boats.

The radiated dispatch, intercepted by the U.S. communications commission, said there were no Japanese losses.

RUSHMERE — Rushmere residents claim this Suffolk village is the healthiest place in Britain. Average age of 30 men and women in one part of the village is 80.

## THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

General Statement, 30th November, 1944

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid up	\$ 25,000,000.00
Reserve fund	\$ 4,247,671.56
Balance of profits carried forward as per Profit and Loss Account	\$ 24,247,671.56
Dividends unclaimed	\$ 50,575.46
Dividend No. 229 (at 6% per annum), payable 1st December, 1944	\$ 525,000.00
	\$ 24,823,247.02
Deposits by and balances due to Dominion Government	\$ 222,148,156.00
Deposits by and balances due to Provincial Governments	\$ 21,453,136.10
Deposits by the public not bearing interest	\$ 807,245,414.46
Deposits by the public bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	\$ 592,851,469.10
Deposits by and balances due to other chartered banks in Canada	\$ 3,161.92
Deposits by and balances due to banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	\$ 23,183,358.61
Notes of the bank in circulation	\$ 1,476,854,696.19
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	\$ 9,580,271.86
Liabilities to the public not included under the foregoing heads	\$ 42,347,067.19
	\$ 1,818,568.59
	\$1,796,351,802.65
ASSETS	
Gold and subsidiary coin held in Canada	\$ 1,775,041.40
Gold and subsidiary coin held elsewhere	\$ 1,407,082.55
Notes of Bank of Canada	\$ 36,421,787.75
Deposits with Bank of Canada	\$ 105,209,611.49
Government and bank notes other than Canadian	\$ 79,047,151.39
	\$ 223,855,674.58
Notes of and cheques on other banks	\$ 75,260,199.08
Deposits with and balances due to other chartered banks in Canada	\$ 6,824.81
Due to banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	\$ 78,630,240.06
	\$ 153,897,114.95
Dominion Government direct and guaranteed securities maturing within two years, not exceeding market value	\$ 438,082,169.99
Other Dominion Government direct and guaranteed securities, not exceeding market value	\$ 299,945,251.15
Provincial Government direct and guaranteed securities maturing within two years, not exceeding market value	\$ 41,489,453.93
Other Provincial Government direct and guaranteed securities, not exceeding market value	\$ 78,545,560.60
Canadian municipal securities, not exceeding market value	\$ 16,754,125.72
Public securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	\$ 81,310,258.46
Other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value	\$ 27,490,292.52
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	\$ 25,885,968.74
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans elsewhere than in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	\$ 38,620,089.00
	\$1,377,849,208.53
Current loans and discounts in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for	\$ 261,024,287.72
Current loans and discounts elsewhere than in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for	\$ 79,117,470.17
Loans to provincial governments	\$ 2,109,729.68
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts	\$ 8,815,745.35
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for	\$ 885,143.08
	\$ 351,652,376.00
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit as per contra	\$ 42,347,067.19
Real Estate other than bank premises	\$ 970,301.49
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank	\$ 510,250.57
Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts, if any, written off	\$ 12,175,453.77
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation	\$ 625,000.00
Shares of and loans to controlled companies	\$ 2,987,786.72
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads	\$ 1,027,331.38
	\$1,796,351,802.65

M. W. WILSON, President. S. G. DOBSON, General Manager.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS, THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA:

We have examined the above Statement of Liabilities and Assets as at 30th November, 1944, with the books and accounts of The Royal Bank of Canada at Head Office and with the branches. We have checked the cash and the securities representing the Bank's investments held at the Head Office at the close of the fiscal year, and at various dates during the year have also checked the cash and investment securities at several of the important branches.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank. The above statement is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to disclose the true condition of the Bank as at 30th November, 1944, and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

M. OGDEN HASKELL, C.A., Auditor. GUYE, HODGKIN & CO., of P. S. Ross & Sons.

Montreal, Canada, December 22, 1944.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1943	\$ 3,815,467.77
Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1944, after providing \$2,127,214.36 for Dominion Government taxes and after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which Reserves provision for all bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$ 3,812,183.79
	\$ 7,627,651.56
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:	
Dividend No. 226 at 6% per annum	\$ 525,000.00
Dividend No. 227 at 6% per annum	\$ 525,000.00
Dividend No. 228 at 6% per annum	\$ 525,000.00
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	\$ 2,100,000.00
Contribution to the Pension Fund Society	\$ 880,000.00
Appropriation for Bank Premises	\$ 400,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	\$ 4,247,671.56
	\$ 7,627,651.56

M. W. WILSON, President. S. G. DOBSON, General Manager.

Montreal, December 22, 1944.

## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR CANADA?.....

We don't know . . . but we are willing to bet that whatever problems the New Year brings, Canadians will find the answer . . . Why? Simply because they have always done so. Ever since their ancestors landed among the Indians they've had problems . . . and . . . they've had pessimists who told them the country was doomed . . . just as we have today . . . but . . . somehow they found the answer . . . found it far too often for it to be an accident . . . that's why we are so confident about Canada's future . . . that's why we are planning not just for tomorrow but for many years ahead. We have faith in Canada and Canadians.



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## Nazi Paratroopers Shot Down



Ninth Army soldiers inspect the wreckage of a German Ju-52 transport surrounded by scattered bodies of Nazi paratroopers killed when their plane was shot down by Allied anti-aircraft fire somewhere in Germany. Plane was headed for landings behind U.S. lines in current Nazi counteroffensive.

## French to Make Ruins of Leveled Town Monument to Bestiality of Nazi Troops

Immediately after the Allied landings on D-Day resistance groups in southern France redoubled efforts to sabotage and harass Germans. In Limoges, the commander of the German "Der Fuehrer" panzer division decided to do something which he hoped would stop this resistance once and for all.

Accordingly, on June 10 a column of German troops swooped down on the small city of Oradour-sur-Glane, rounded up and killed every man, woman and child there and then burned the town to the ground. The story below was written by the first North American newspaperman to visit the martyred city.

By TOM WOLF

ORADOUR-SUR-GLANE, (NEA) — It is probable the German commander meant his butchers to go to Oradour-sur-Vayres. There was a Maquis near there. It is probable that the column simply got lost and mistook Oradour-sur-Glane for Oradour-sur-Vayres only 20 miles away.

Such is the tragic irony of the story of German savagery which outranks even Lidice for passionless, bestial murder. In Lidice the women and children, at least, were taken away and spared. Here there was no such sentiment. Women and children burned with their men and their homes and their shops and their barns and their church — with everything animate and inanimate which makes a city.

Today there are three new graves in the small village cemetery. They are communal graves, for only 52 of the 750 charred pieces of bodies left after the fires that could be identified.

Save for these three new graves, Oradour-sur-Glane today remains exactly as the human butchers left it six months ago. It will remain this way, for the French plan to put a wall around the city and leave it forever a monument to German bestiality.

To visit this ravaged village is all the more shocking because of its contrast to the rich, fertile, rolling Limousin countryside which surrounds it. Not a house, not a shop, not a barn, not a building in the entire village escaped. There are no roofs. All that is left is red and grey shadings of brick and granite walls and half-walls in varying tones of age and decay.

I have seen many cities leveled by war. But none like this. Bombs and shells touch a city with an ironist's hand; half a floor is blown away, but the rest remains on the brink; a dinner remains on a table centering a wall-less room; a picture stays hanging on a scrap of wall, an island of civilization in a sea of destruction.

There is none of this here. Oradour-sur-Glane was touched with the hand of a butcher. The bones that are left of stores and houses were picked clean by the intense heat of incendiary grenades and phosphorous bombs. All that remains of civilization are two signs: "Hotel Milord" and "Cafe du Chene". They are on the main street, Rue Emile Desourteaux 1842-1906 — named for the father of the village's mayor, a doctor. He perished, too, with his sons and his family.

**JUST TWO SIGNS LEFT**

These two signs alone remain. These signs and, in the basements, a handful of such iron skeletons as withstood the withering heat of the Nazi pyromaniacs' phosphorous firebrands. In one house there is a stove. In another, three bicycles. In a third a bedstead and a sewing machine. In the church there are some frames of what were once baby carriages.

That is all, except silence — the powerful, ear-splitting silence of reverence which muffles the footsteps of pilgrims to Oradour. So

it has been since 4 o'clock of that June Saturday afternoon, I heard story from Clement Broussaudier, one of five men and one woman who escaped from the holocaust. The column of Germans, 200 strong, entered the city at 2 in the afternoon. They forced every one present, native or visitor, into the town square "to check identity papers." Then they herded the women and children into the church for "protection."

They set the men to work in groups of 30 or 40 cleaning out the barns. Without warning, while the men were thus working, the Germans moved them down with machine guns. Then they covered the bodies with the barn's contents and set all afire. Clement Broussaudier played dead and managed to slip away.

Meanwhile, in the church the German brought "heaters." They gave off some sort of lethal gas. Two children were found suffocated in the confessional. Women or children who tried to run from the church were shot at the doors. Then the Nazis piled pews over the bodies and lighted the pyre.

After that the Germans went to the buildings and set them afire with grenades, gasoline and phosphorous. Seven hundred and fifty men, women and children were murdered in Oradour-sur-Glane, 345 of them in the church.

Oradour-sur-Glane is the worst example of Nazi bestiality in France. But it is by no means the only one. Every department in southern France has one or two cities — some of them more — burned out by the Germans. The homes and possessions of thousands of lifetimes have been wiped out in a few hours. And in every case some — sometimes a few, sometimes many — have been murdered as an example.

The Germans wanted to give the French lessons. The French will never forget them.

## Uncle Ray

**POLES KEPT FREEDOM IDEA AFTER NATION WAS RUBBED OFF MAP**

There has been a great deal of talk about Poland during recent months. People have wondered whether this country in the heart of Europe will be free and strong after the second World War.

It is hard to tell the future clearly, but if we look back on Poland's history, we can see that the Poles have been "tough." Through hundreds of years of history, they have kept the idea of "a country of their own." This idea was in their minds even during the long period when Germany, Russia and Austria held all the land which had made up Poland.



PALACE AT WARSAW

Poland became a kingdom about 1,000 years ago, and the king had power over an area around the Oder River. In the centuries which followed, the Poles waged many wars, chiefly against Russia, Prussia and Sweden. There were times when Poland won great new stretches of land, and other times when the size of the country was cut down.

Added to the foreign wars, there were civil wars. Time and again, the Poles fought among themselves, and this weakened the nation.

The last Polish king ruled until 1795. In that year the final act of "rubbing Poland from the map" took place. Up until 1918, the land was held by foreign powers. Yet, as I have said, the people held their belief that there should be once more a country known as Poland.

The peace treaty after the second World War provided for such a country. It was to be a republic, and the Poles were to elect their president and other officers of state.

For some time, there was doubt as to what should be the eastern boundary of Poland. A study of the question was made by a British official, Lord Curzon, and he proposed a boundary which he believed was fair to both Poland and Russia. This came to be called "the Curzon Line."

Russia was weak because of losses in the war from 1914 to 1918, and the civil wars which followed. The boundary dispute brought about fighting between the Poles and Russians, and the Russian army was pushed back. Then a treaty was made, and Poland was allowed to have a large stretch of land east of the Curzon Line. It seems that the Russians never felt that this settlement was proper.

**3 Die As Blaze Sweeps Dwelling**

Three persons died Tuesday when fire destroyed the frame dwelling of Leonidas Cayer in this Eastern Township municipality.

The dead are Leonidas Cayer, 66, an adopted daughter, Marguerite, 22, and a brother-in-law, Jacob Blison, 52. Mrs. Cayer and two other occupants of the house escaped unharmed.

There are about 1,100 known tributaries of the Amazon River.

## Today's Crossword Puzzle

**HORIZONTAL**

1. Picture, noun, L. Candr.
2. Space
3. King English (ab.)
4. Omen (ab.)
5. Fish eggs
6. Nucleus (symbol)
7. Race circuit
8. Locomotive (ab.)
9. River barrier
10. Upward
11. Therefore
12. Twoches lightly
13. Tidy
14. Long fish
15. Dine
16. Erubescence (symbol)
17. Musical note
18. Beverage
19. Mineral rock
20. Standard of value
21. Unharmed
22. Painful
23. Sign of approval (coll.)
24. One is chief nurse of a hospital
25. Anger
26. Elbow
27. Insect
28. Northeast (ab.)
29. Exile
30. Neighbor
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**VERTICAL**

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The highest scorer was Ted Drake, Arsenal and England centre-forward, who scored four goals for Portsmouth which ran up a 9-1 victory over Crystal Palace. Len Townsend scored one goal for Brighton and Hove Albion, which defeated Southampton 2-0 and Briscoe and Mortensen scored a goal apiece to help Millwall defeat Watford 3-0.

Tottenham Hotspur, league leaders, were idle today. Chelsea, three points behind, had a chance to regain part of that ground but for the second consecutive day its match with West Ham United had to be postponed.

Wrexham and Burnley carried off the Old Country honors during the Christmas week-end, winning their three matches. Today Wrexham defeated Port Vale 4-0 in a league championship match and Burnley won 4-2 over Bradford in the same competition.

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